似顔絵

Kよ、非情の運命を越えて行け!!

孤高の天才医師K！彼の両親もまた、医師として人々のために、病魔と闘い続けた人だった。宿命のきずなで結ばれた父・一堡と母・杏子、そして一人息子のK。幸せにみちあふれた彼ら一家を、突如襲った悲劇とは!?Kの悲しい過去が、いま明かされる……。

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BUT HOW!?
THAT ROOM CAN'T HAVE HAD ANY OXYGEN LEFT IN IT...
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW...!?
HMPF!
HUFF...
NNGH...
WHERE... AM I...?
THAT'S ODD... I'M HAVING TROUBLE BREATH-ING...
PLUS...
MY WOUND'S BEEN TREATED...

Chart 36: Mystery of the Airtight Room
SUPER DOCTOR

SO YOU TREATED MY ARM...
I SEE!
!!
SHE'S STILL BREATHING!!
.....
I SEE... I GET IT... THIS IS A CLEAN ROOM!!
OF ALL THE PLACES FOR THEM TO LOCK US IN...
!!
HER FACE...
THIS IS A CHEMICAL BURN.
SHE MUST'VE BEEN DOUSED IN SULFURIC ACID

NEVER!!
I WON'T LET YOU DIE...
SHE STILL TREATED MY ARM...
I SEE... EVEN WITH A BURNT FACE, IN A ROOM WITH THINNING OXYGEN,
THERE'S BARELY ANY OXYGEN LEFT IN THIS CYLINDER...!!
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
THIS IS A CLEAN ROOM!!
THAT'S IT...
!!
IF THIS KEEPS UP, WE'LL BOTH SUFFO-CATE...
HUFF...
ISN'T THERE... SOME OTHER WAY!?
HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...

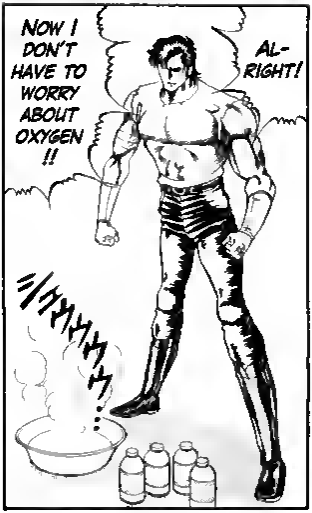
SION: DISINFECTANT OXYDOLUM (HYDROGEN PEROXIDE)

NOW... I POUR THE OXYDOLUM ON THE BLOOD...
ドボドボ
ゴボゴボ..
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
IT'S OXYGEN!!
HERE IT COMES...

NOW... WHAT EXACTLY WAS HAPPENING HERE?

The chemical symbol for hydrogen peroxide is H2O2, and as such, it includes oxygen (O2).

K used his blood to efficiently extract this oxygen.



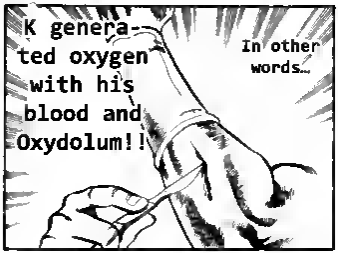
This reaction generates about 12 liters of oxygen for every liter of 3.5% solution. Since humans must consume at least 12-18 liters of oxygen per hour, a few liters of Oxydolum are more than sufficient.

the Catalase becomes a catalyst and generates oxygen.

Red blood cells contain an enzyme called Catalase, and when this comes into contact with Oxydolum,

K generated oxygen with his blood and Oxydolum!!

In other words...



I WILL RESTORE YOUR FACE TO NORMAL!!
I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO!!
BEFORE YOU WAKE UP...
I REFUSE TO CAUSE YOU ANY GRIEF!!
I'D BETTER PUT HER DEEPER UNDER... WITH ACUPUNCTURE ANESTHESIA.
RIGHT AFTER SHE WAS DOUSED IN IT... MINIMIZING THE AFFECTED AREA...
SHE'S A GOOD DOCTOR, ALRIGHT. SHE WASHED OFF THE ACID...
THAT IS UNDERGOING NECROSIS!
NOW I WILL SCRAPE OFF THE BURNED SKIN...

I'LL TAKE THE SKIN GRAFT...
FROM HER BACK...
THREAD...
AND NOW TO SUTURE.
AND THERE YOU HAVE IT!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME...
YOU MADE OXYGEN WITH YOUR OWN BLOOD...?

So I didn't have to worry about lacking equipment.
I was born and raised in the operating room!
Your biggest mistake was locking me in there.
It's a home to me!! I know everything about it!
Unnn-nngh... I'm not letting you leave alive, no matter what...
We're the only ones here...!!
I sent all the others to locate the patient...
...Damn!!
Shut up! I still have my gun!!
Urk...

OUT OF MY WAY.
AHHH...
YOU'RE GONNA PAY...
FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
AWAW AWA...
YOU'RE A DOCTOR.. AND YET YOU PUT A PATIENT IN DANGER,
AND TRIED TO KILL YOUR OWN COLLEAGUE...

!!
....
YOU SCUM ....!!
HE... HEHE HE...
WAAAAA AAAAAA AUGH!

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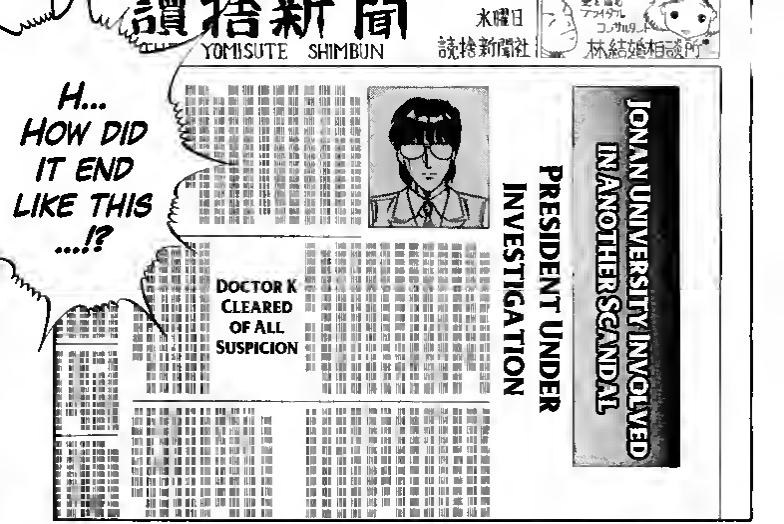
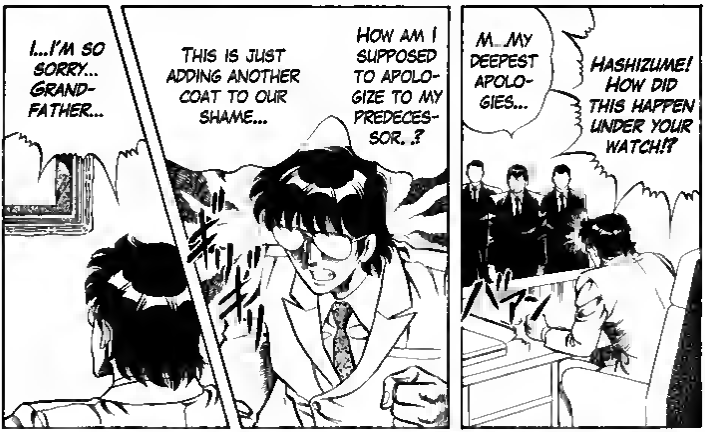

讀捨新聞
YOMISUTE SHIMBUN
水曜日
讀捨新聞社
H... HOW DID IT END LIKE THIS ...!?
DOCTOR K CLEARED OF ALL SUSPICION
JONAN UNIVERSITY INVOLVED IN ANOTHER SCANDAL
PRESIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION

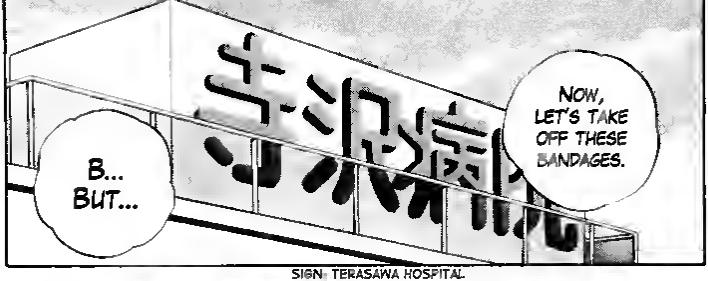

I...I'M SO SORRY... GRAND-FATHER...
THIS IS JUST ADDING ANOTHER COAT TO OUR SHAME...
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO APOLO-GIZE TO MY PREDECES-SOR...?
M...MY DEEPEST APOLO-GIES...
HASHIZUME! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN UNDER YOUR WATCH!?

W... WHAT'S THAT...?
!!

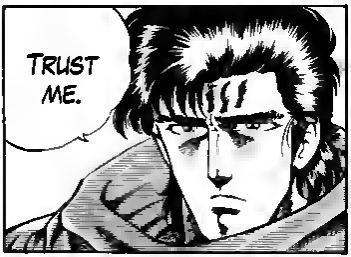
IT'S A MESSAGE FROM K!!
STAY AWAY FROM ME. IF YOU DON'T, I'LL MARCH ON IN AND CRUSH YOU.
H... HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN THERE ...?

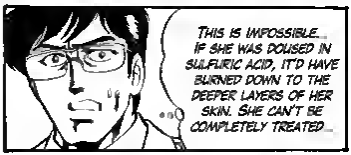
...LEAVE K ALONE.
W...WE'D BETTER...

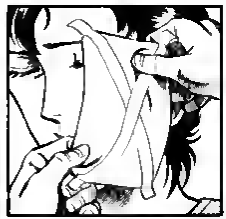
I'VE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH...
OF THIS TERROR...
T... THAT'S AN ORDER!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? JONAN UNIVERSITY'S HONOR IS STILL.



SIGN: TERASAWA HOSPITAL




THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE... IF SHE WAS DOUSED IN SULFURIC ACID, IT'D HAVE BURNED DOWN TO THE DEEPER LAYERS OF HER SKIN. SHE CAN'T BE COMPLETELY TREATED...



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YES.
K...
SHE'S BEEN COMPLETELY HEALED... THERE'S NOT A SINGLE SCAR!!
HOW COULD THIS BE...?
I NEVER THOUGHT SHE WOULD HEAL THIS MUCH...
SOB...
SOB...
SOB...

YOUR SUTURING THAT WAS PRECISE TO 1/100 OF A MILLIMETER
WAS JUST THAT IMPACTFUL.
I...
REALLY WOULDN'T HAVE REGRETTED DYING BACK THERE...
IS PER-FECT.
THIS SUTURING ON MY BRACHIAL ARTERY...
YOU'RE PRETTY IMPRESSIVE YOURSELF.
OH, MY!
AND MY FATHER SCOLDED ME OVER IT.
THE FIRST TIME I OPERATED... I COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT MY FIN-GERS SHAKING,

I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A DOCTOR OF YOUR CALIBER ASSIST ME ONCE.
I HAVE AN OPER-ATION COMING UP
EVER SEE YOU AGAIN?
WILL I...
JUST... ONCE?
....
IF YOU WISH...
THEN AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT...

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CHAPTER 36

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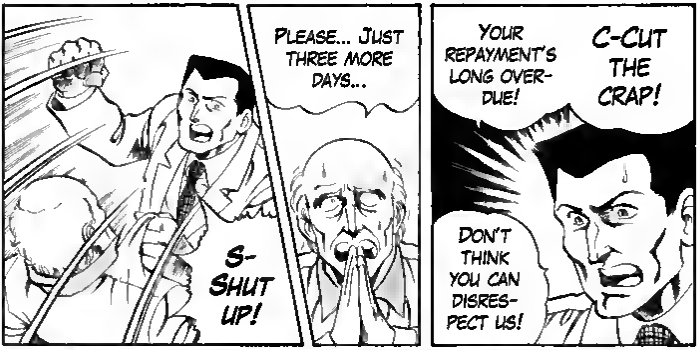
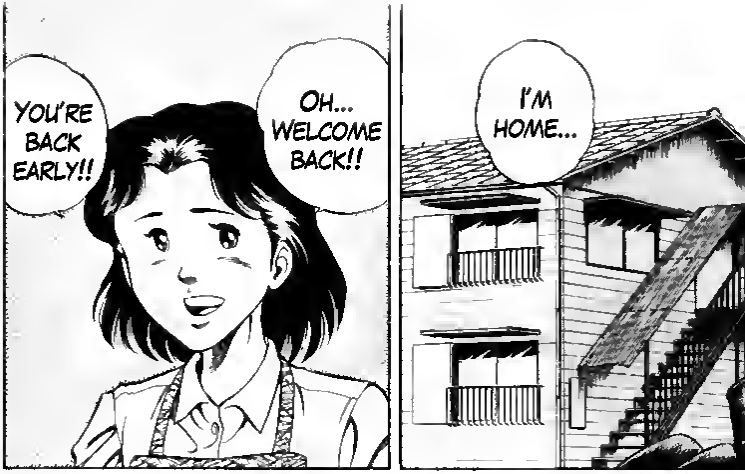
Chart 37:
Life of a
Villain

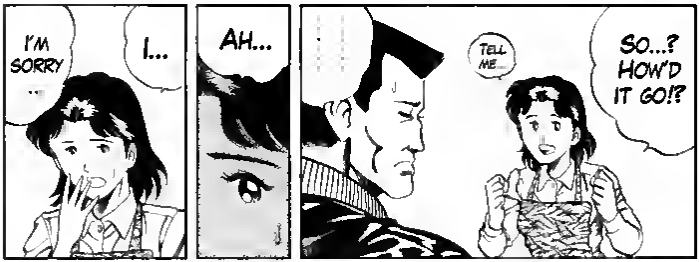
COME AGAIN?
C...
PLEASE... JUST GIVE ME A WEEK... NO!!
JUST GIVE ME THREE MORE DAYS!!

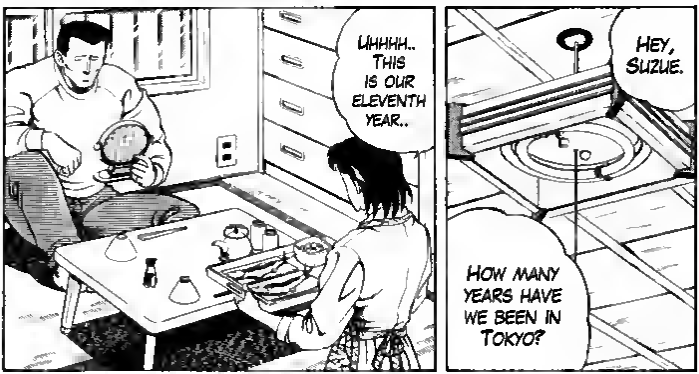

S-SHUT UP!
PLEASE... JUST THREE MORE DAYS...
YOUR REPAYMENT'S LONG OVER-DUE!
C-CUT THE CRAP!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN DISRES-PECT US!

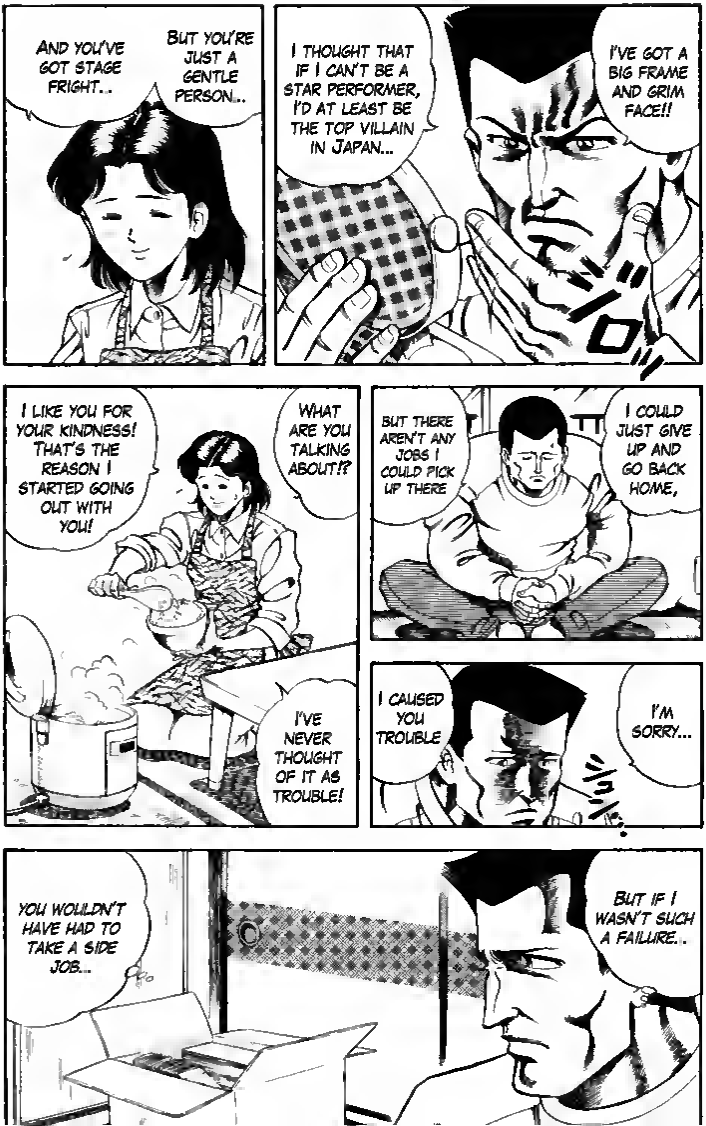
!?
THAT'S ENOUGH ...
CUUUU UUUUU UUUT!

UHH...
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN ACTOR!?
HEY, SUE-MATSU !!
DAYS
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ABSOLUTELY RUTHLESS! DO YOU GET IT!?
LOOK, LOOK!
YOUR CHARACTER'S A DEBT COLLECTOR FOR A CROOKED LOAN SHARK!
AS IF OUR SCHEDULE WASN'T TIGHT AS IT IS...
TCH!!
WE'LL POSTPONE THIS SCENE TILL TOMO-RROW!!
OW!
YOU'D BETTER BRUSH UP AND COME BACK TOMOR-ROW!
AHHH... AND I'D FINALLY LANDED...
MY FIRST TV ROLE...
PHEW...
HEY, SUE-MATSU!
THEN I'LL HAVE YOU REPLACED FOR THIS PART!
IF YOU CAN'T PULL IT OFF TOMOR-ROW...


YOU'RE BACK EARLY!!
OH... WELCOME BACK!!
I'M HOME...


I'M SORRY...
I...
AH...
TELL ME...
SO...? HOW'D IT GO!?


UHHHH.. THIS IS OUR ELEVENTH YEAR..
HEY, SUZUE.
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE WE BEEN IN TOKYO?


AND YOU'VE GOT STAGE FRIGHT..
BUT YOU'RE JUST A GENTLE PERSON..
I THOUGHT THAT IF I CAN'T BE A STAR PERFORMER, I'D AT LEAST BE THE TOP VILLAIN IN JAPAN...
I'VE GOT A BIG FRAME AND GRIM FACE!!
I LIKE YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS! THAT'S THE REASON I STARTED GOING OUT WITH YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF IT AS TROUBLE!
BUT THERE AREN'T ANY JOBS I COULD PICK UP THERE
I COULD JUST GIVE UP AND GO BACK HOME,
I CAUSED YOU TROUBLE
I'M SORRY...
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO TAKE A SIDE JOB...
BUT IF I WASN'T SUCH A FAILURE..

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URK...

クラッ。。

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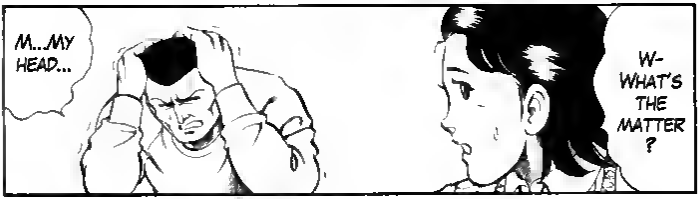
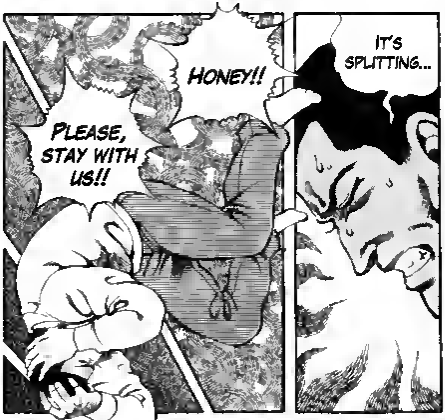
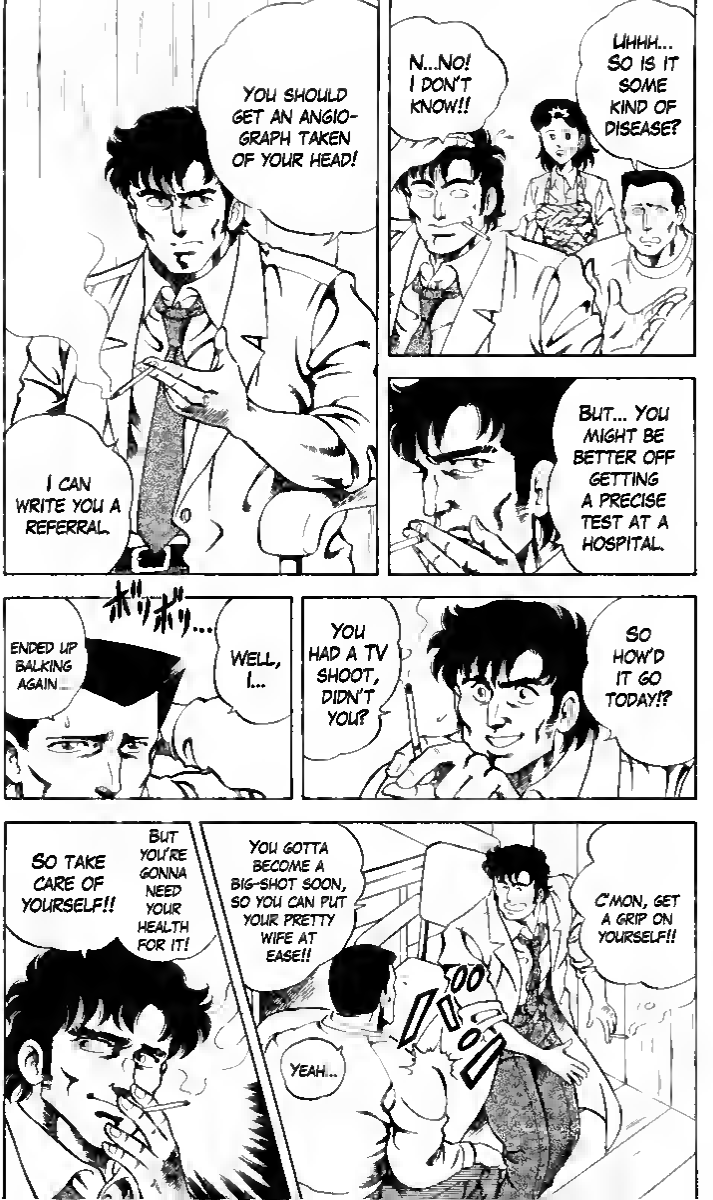

M...MY HEAD...
W-WHAT'S THE MATTER?


HONEY!!
PLEASE, STAY WITH US!!
IT'S SPLITTING...

WHAT'S WRONG!?
HONEY!?
MY HEAD

A SUDDEN HEADACHE AND DIZZINESS...!
I SEE.
OGAKI CLINIC PHYSICIAN: OGAKI KENJI
NO, THESE THINGS ARE DANGEROUS, YOU MORON! YOU GOTTA WATCH OUT FOR THEM!!
FOR A WHILE... REALLY !?
I SAID I'M ALRIGHT!
NO! I'M REALLY ALRIGHT, TRUST ME!
BESIDES... I'VE HAD THEM FOR A WHILE NOW...
HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED NAUSEA OR NUMBNESS!?
SO BESIDES THIS HEADACHE AND DIZZINESS...


YOU SHOULD GET AN ANGIO-GRAPH TAKEN OF YOUR HEAD!
I CAN WRITE YOU A REFERRAL.
N...NO! I DON'T KNOW!!
UHHH... SO IS IT SOME KIND OF DISEASE?
BUT... YOU MIGHT BE BETTER OFF GETTING A PRECISE TEST AT A HOSPITAL.
ボリボリ...
ENDED UP BALKING AGAIN...
WELL, I...
YOU HAD A TV SHOOT, DIDN'T YOU?
SO HOW'D IT GO TODAY!?
SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!!
BUT YOU'RE GONNA NEED YOUR HEALTH FOR IT!
YOU GOTTA BECOME A BIG-SHOT SOON, SO YOU CAN PUT YOUR PRETTY WIFE AT EASE!!
YEAH...
C'MON, GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF!!

A SUDDEN HEADACHE, DIZZINESS, NAUSEA, AND NUMBNESS...
I HOPE MY INTUITION ISN'T RIGHT ON THIS ONE...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!
パタン
Tokatsu Studio
CALM DOWN... JUST CALM DOWN!!
THIS MIGHT BE YOUR LAST CHANCE!!
...

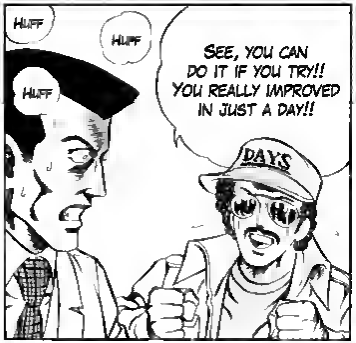
AL-RIGHT...
!!
HEY, SUE-MATSU! YOU BETTER NOT HOLD US BACK TODAY!!
WE'RE ROLLING IN ONE MINUTE!!
NOT NOW...
C... CRAP!
I'M HAVING ANOTHER FIT...
UNN NGH..
I CAN'T WASTE MY CHANCE OVER THIS!!
ACTION!!
D... DAMMIT!!

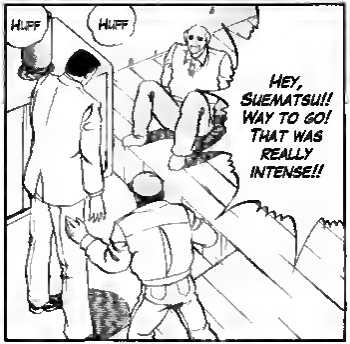
PLEASE! JUST GIVE ME THREE DAYS!!
CUT THE CRAP...
GEEZER!!
!!
OH!
!!
YOUR REPAY-MENT'S LONG OVERDUE.
AWAW A...
YOU'D BETTER NOT THINK...
YOU CAN DISRESPECT US!!

DAYS
OH!
AIIIIIEE EEEEEE EEEEEE EEE...
ARRRRRRR RRRRRGGG GGHHHHH!!
WAIT, IS HE SERIOUS...!?
FINE... THREE DAYS! I'LL GIVE YOU THREE DAYS!!
BUT IF YOU STILL DON'T PAY US BACK...

ALRIGHT... OK!!

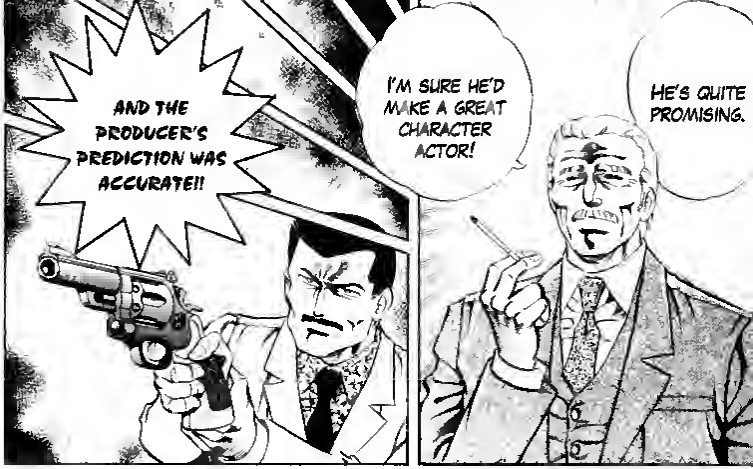
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU!!
I THINK YOU KNOW...


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SEE, YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU TRY!! YOU REALLY IMPROVED IN JUST A DAY!!
DAYS


HUFF
HUFF
HEY, SUEMATSU!! WAY TO GO! THAT WAS REALLY INTENSE!!

PRO-DUCER...
SO, WHO'S THAT ACTOR?

T... THANKS.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ACTUALLY GOING TO PUNCH ME!


HE'S QUITE PROMISING.
I'M SURE HE'D MAKE A GREAT CHARACTER ACTOR!
AND THE PRODUCER'S PREDICTION WAS ACCURATE!!

THE LATE-BLOOMING FLOWER! SUEMATSU SHINJI 'S LIFE AS A VILLAIN!!
THE RISING VILLAIN ACTOR, SUEMATSU SHINJI!!!
HE FITS THE ROLE TO A TEE!

Suematsu's the Only Villain Around!!
The Utility Actor Finally Blossoms

I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU, HONEY!!
SUEMATSU SHINJI & SUZUE
YOU'VE HAD SO MANY CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS... WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT!!
EVER SINCE RECENTLY, WHEN THE CAMERA'S ON ME...
I'VE FELT STRANGELY CALM AND JUST GET RIGHT INTO CHARACTER!!
NOW, LET'S EAT!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF EATING THRIFTY!!
THE MACKEREL WAS REALLY CHEAP TODAY!

AGITATED!!
I'M NOT...

C'MON! LET'S GO TO A RESTAU-RANT!!

DON'T BE SO AGITA-TED...
WAIT, HONEY...

AHH H...

HONEY...

AND QUIT YOUR DAMN SIDE JOB ALREADY!!

BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE MY GENTLE HUSBAND WOULD BE THIS VIOLENT...

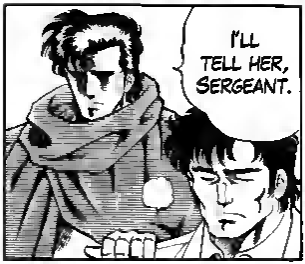
IT'S GOOD THAT HE'S MADE IT BIG...
WHAT'S BEEN WRONG WITH HIM THESE DAYS..!?

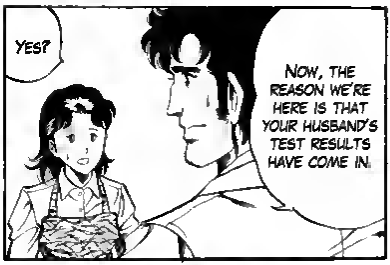
I'D RATHER HE NEVER MADE IT BIG...
IF I'D HAVE KNOWN THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
It's time for "Hi! Housewives' 3 O' Clock Pop!!"
AND... THE LOOK IN HIS EYES HAS CHANGED...
IS THERE... SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM!?
Thank you.
OUR GUEST TODAY IS THE RISING VILLAIN ACTOR, MR. SUEMATSU SHINJI!
Hi! Housewives' 3 O' Clock Pop!!
Hi!
OH... DOCTOR!!
WHO'S THERE...?
YES! COMING...

YES.

I'VE BROUGHT MY ASSOCIATE WITH ME TODAY.

OH!
NICE TO MEET YOU!


I'LL TELL HER, SERGEANT.

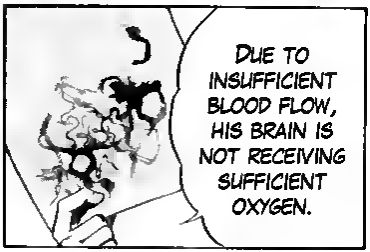

YES?
NOW, THE REASON WE'RE HERE IS THAT YOUR HUSBAND'S TEST RESULTS HAVE COME IN.

CHANGED AT ALL THESE DAYS?
HAS YOUR HUSBAND...

!!
PER-SONAL-ITY...
FOR INSTANCE... A CHANGE IN PERSONAL-ITY...
HUH?
Y... YES.
SO, HE HAS.
IS MY HUSBAND ILL?
I KNEW IT...
I GUESS THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THEN.
IS A VICTIM OF A CONDITION CALLED CEREBRAL AVM, OR ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION!
YOUR HUSBAND...

Cerebral Arteriovenous Malformation…

A condition in which an abnormality occurs in a blood vessel that carries blood to the brain, causing swelling and restricting blood flow… This can cause numbness, nausea, and dizziness, and in some cases, psychological symptoms such as sudden changes in personality.



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CHAPTER 37

Chart 38: The Actor's Soul

AND IT'S CALLED CRANIAL ARTERIO... WHATEVER!?
WHAT'D YOU SAY? I HAVE A DISEASE?
HOW RUDE...
HMPF! YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE NOT JUST JEALOUS OF HOW POPULAR I'VE BECOME?
BUT I'M FIT AS A FIDDLE!
NO, YOU'RE NOT! DR. OGAKI CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO EXPLAIN THIS TO ME!!
YOUR DISEASE NEEDS TO BE TREATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!
JUST LISTEN TO ME!!
YOUR CRANIAL AVM.. ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION HAPPENS WHEN THE BLOOD VESSELS GOING TO YOUR BRAIN BECOME MISSHAPEN, AND YOUR BLOOD FLOW BECOMES IRREGULAR,
WHICH DEPRIVES A PART OF YOUR BRAIN OF OXYGEN, AND CAN CAUSE A CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE!!
Malformation (AVM)

I'M SURE THAT THIS WAS THE DISEASE..
AND YOU SUDDENLY OVERCAME YOUR STAGE FRIGHT AND STARTED GETTING INTO CHARACTER!
THEY TOLD ME THAT THIS DISEASE SOMETIMES CAUSES SUDDEN CHANGES IN PERSONALITY!
SHUT UP!!
AND THE MASTER DIRECTOR KUROIWA SAW MY RECENT PERFORMANCES AND PERSONALLY CHOSE ME FOR THE PART!!
Ryoma
By Director Akira Kuroiwa
LOOK! I GOT A JOB AS THE SECOND LEAD IN A MOVIE!!
TO BE HONEST, YES!!
AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT ALL OF THIS WAS NOT BECAUSE OF MY SKILL, BUT BECAUSE OF A DISEASE!?

IF THAT'S TRUE...
THEN ALL THE MORE REASON I CAN'T HAVE THIS DISEASE TREATED!!
THIS MOVIE IS A MASTERPIECE THAT COULD MAKE OR BREAK MY ACTING CAREER!
I WON'T BE JUST A SIMPLE VILLAIN! IT'S MY METTLE THAT'S BEING TESTED.
IT'S A REAL CHAL-LENGE !!
UNTIL THE FILMING ENDS TWO MONTHS FROM NOW...
I REFUSE TO BE OPERATED ON!!
SIGN: OGAKI CLINIC / PHYSICIAN: OGAKI RENJI
I'LL USE THIS DISEASE IF I HAVE TO...
BUT I HAVE TO SUCCEED IN THIS JOB!!
TWO MONTHS!?
大垣診療所
医師
大垣蓮次

BUT... I UNDERSTAND HOW MY HUSBAND FEELS..
HIS BLOOD VESSELS COULD BURST AT ANY MOMENT!!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!
HIS LIFELONG DREAM IS RIGHT BEFORE HIS EYES!
THIS MOVIE JOB IS HIS BIG BREAK...
HUH!?
THERE IS A WAY.
BUT WE'LL BE TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM IF WE WAIT TWO MONTHS!
WHAT ON EARTH DO WE DO...!?
WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP, MRS. SUEMATSU!!
BUT TO PULL IT OFF...

SHUT UP!!
YOU SHOULDN'T STRAIN YOURSELF IT'S NOT GOOD FOR..
...
ズズズ
I HAVE TO DO THIS JOB!!
I HAVE TO PLAY THIS PART RIGHT...
I'M JUST... FEELING A BIT FAINT...
HONEY! I...IS SOMETHING WRONG!?
N... NO...
グラッ..
URK...

UM...
MMGH...
UNNNNN GGGHHH...
EMERGENCY HOSPITAL
THANK GOODNESS!! YOU'RE AWAKE! CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
WHERE AM I?
HMM...?

YOU SHOULD STAY IN THE HOSPITAL AND HAVE THE OPERATION!!
HONEY, PLEASE THINK IT OVER!!
YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL!
YOU HAD A SUDDEN SPASM, PASSED OUT, AND YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP EVER SINCE
KOH..
I CAN'T STAY HERE!!
TCH! SO I FAINTED, HUH..
SUZUE! YOU'RE AN ACTOR'S WIFE! CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND!?
EVEN... IF YOU DIE?
LET ME... TAKE THIS SHOT!!
EVEN IF I DIE!!
YES!!

I...I'M SORRY, SUZUE!!
TAKE THE OPERA-TION!!

PLEASE, THINK IT OVER...
NO...!! IF YOU DIE, I'LL BE ALL ALONE...

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WHAT A STUBBORN BASTARD!!
.....

Scene 35!! The Shinsengumi's Ikedaya Incident!!
.....
Uhh...
Hey, Suematsu! What's wrong? You're not looking so good!
KUROIWA
Alright, let's roll on this take.
Well, he was just given the part of Kondo Isami in a Kuroiwa flick...
I guess I can't blame him for being nervous.
We're rolling!!
Alright! No point in worrying over it!!

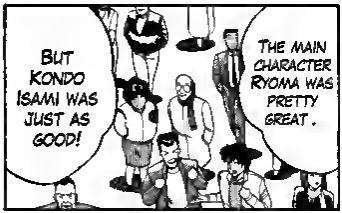
ACTION!!
I COULD DIE AT ANY MOMENT! I'LL GIVE THIS MY ALL!!
I DON'T HAVE TIME!!
SUZUE... FORGIVE ME!!
SHINSENGUMI!! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!!

I AM THE COMMANDER OF THE SHIN-SENGUMI...
KONDO ISAMI!!
I'LL DO THIS...
WITH MY LIFE ON THE LINE...!!
SLAY ALL THAT RESIST!!

HM MM...
W-WOW...
.....
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE A MAN STARING DEATH IN THE FACE.
JUST LOOK AT SUEMATSU'S FACE.
HAD THE SAME EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE AS SUEMATSU...
I'M SURE THE REAL KONDO ISAMI...
THEY SAY THAT KONDO ISAMI PREPARED HIMSELF FOR DEATH IN THE IKEDAYA INCIDENT...
A BLOOD-CURDLING PERFORMANCE!!
THIS TRULY IS...

OKAY! CUT!!
I'M... RISKING MY LIFE...!!
D-DAMN RIGHT I DO!!
HUFF
HUFF
THAT WAS AMAZING, SUE-MATSU!!
YOU FIT KONDO ISAMI'S ROLE TO A TEE!!
T... THANK YOU, DIRECTOR KUROIWA...
THAT WAS A BRILLIANT PERFOR-MANCE!!
SUE-MATSU,

"RYOMA" A HIT AT THE BOX OFFICE!!
AKIRA KUROIWA'S MASTER-PIECE FINALLY OPENS!
SHOCKINGLY LONG RUN IN THEATERS DETERMINED!!


THE MAIN CHARACTER RYOMA WAS PRETTY GREAT.
BUT KONDO ISAMI WAS JUST AS GOOD!

POOL
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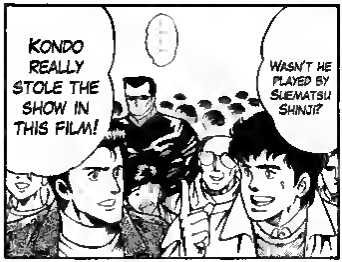
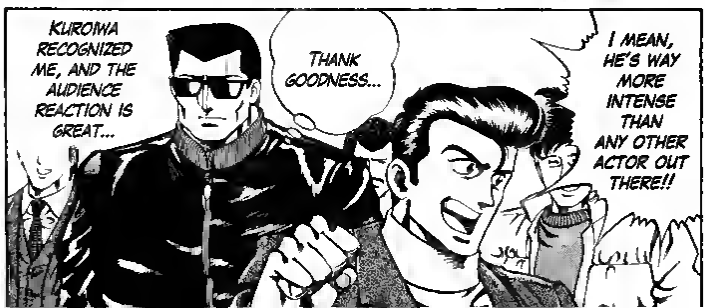
ORION CINEMA
THAT WAS SO INTENSE!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM A KUROIWA FILM!


KONDO REALLY STOLE THE SHOW IN THIS FILM!
WASN'T HE PLAYED BY SUEMATSU SHINJI?


KUROIWA RECOGNIZED ME, AND THE AUDIENCE REACTION IS GREAT...
THANK GOODNESS...
I MEAN, HE'S WAY MORE INTENSE THAN ANY OTHER ACTOR OUT THERE!!

!!
I CAN DIE ANY...
I HAVE NO MORE REGRETS...
S... SUZUE!!
BUT NOW I CAN TAKE THE TREATMENT WITHOUT ANY REGRETS.
I'M SORRY TO CAUSE YOU SO MUCH WORRY..
HEY THERE, NUMBER-ONE STAR!! I HEAR THE REVIEWS WERE GREAT!!
CONGRA-TULATIONS, HONEY!!

HONEY!
I JUST CAN'T DIE AND LEAVE YOU ALONE, EVEN IF I BECOME A HAM ACTOR AGAIN... I'LL TAKE THE OPERATION.
TEE HEE HEE!
HUH!?
THERE'S NO NEED TO OPERATE ON YOU ANYMORE.
HEH...
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN HEALED!
I PUT A SLEEPING PILL INTO YOUR COFFEE THE DAY YOU FAINTED.
THE TRUTH IS...
H-HEY, SUZUE! WHAT'S GOING ON...?
W... WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

LET'S MAKE A BEELINE FOR THE OPERATING ROOM!!
GOOD!
HE'S ASLEEP!
WE'RE EXTRACTING THE NIDUS!!
YOU MEAN..
THAT BY THE TIME I WOKE UP IN THE HOSPITAL...
THE OPERATION WAS ALREADY DONE..?
PREP FOR CRANIOTOMY!!
OPERATING
WE WILL EXCISE THE SWOLLEN BLOOD VESSEL!
SO KEEP THE SHAVED AREA TO A BARE MINIMUM!!
THIS MAN'S AN ACTOR...
PREP THE MICRO CLIPS!! LIGATE THE FEEDERS AND THE DRAINERS!!

WELL, THAT..
WAS YOUR WIFE'S PERFORMANCE OF A LIFETIME!
TEE HEE HEE!
WE'VE KEPT THIS OPERATION A SECRET FROM YOU UNTIL NOW, SO THAT YOU WOULDN'T LOSE YOUR ODDLY-PLACED SELF-CONFIDENCE
YOU'D CONVINCED YOURSELF THAT YOUR DISEASE WAS WHAT WAS CAUSING YOUR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE TIME YOU CRIED AND TRIED TO CONVINCE ME TO TAKE THE OPERATION..!?
WASN'T BECAUSE OF YOUR DISEASE. IT WAS YOUR TRUE SKILL!!
THIS MEANS THAT YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THIS MOVIE...
I... WAS SURE THAT I WAS GONNA DIE... SO I GAVE A DESPERATE PERFORMANCE...
I GET IT!
PEOPLE... CAN DO ANYTHING IF THEY'RE IN THE RIGHT MIND..!!

IT'S NOT TO ME FOR DIAGNOSING HIM, OR TO YOU FOR OPERATING ON HIM!

IT'S HIS WIFE, WHO HID THE OPERATION FROM HIM, AND PLAYED HER TRAGIC PART SO WELL!

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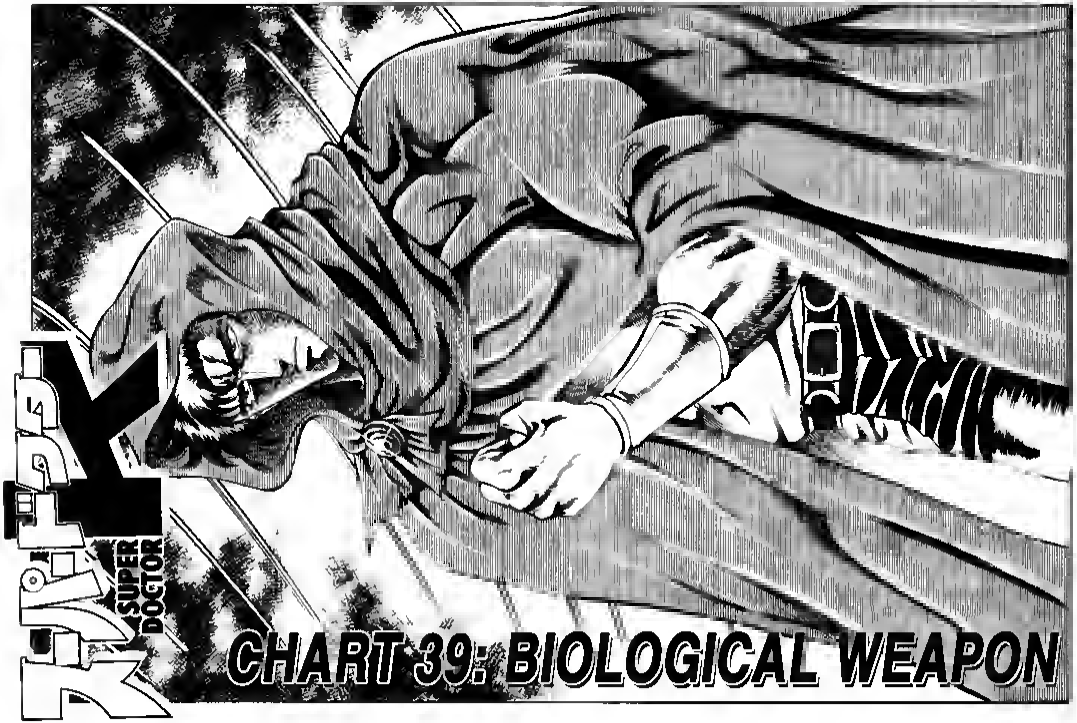
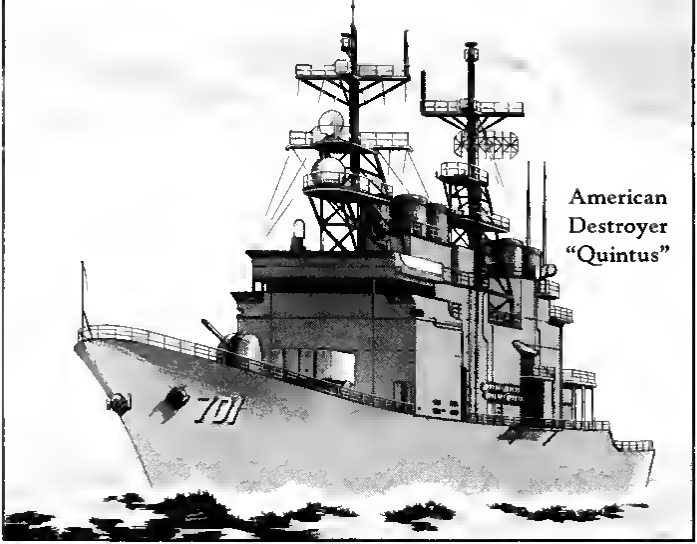

KILLS
SUPER DOCTOR
CHART 39: BIOLOGICAL WEAPON


American
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"Quintus"
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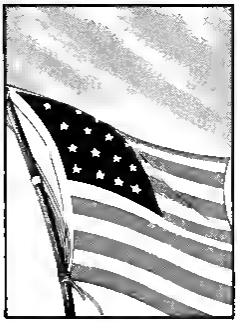
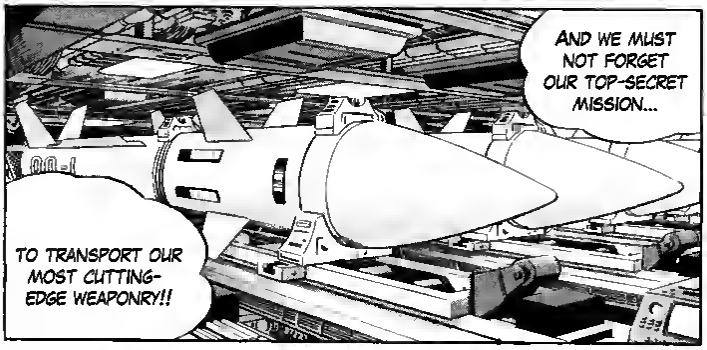
LET'S GIVE 'EM A TASTE OF OUR WEAPONS AND GO BACK HOME!!
THOSE DAMN SOVIETS!! WHY DON'T THEY JUST SURFACE ALREADY!?

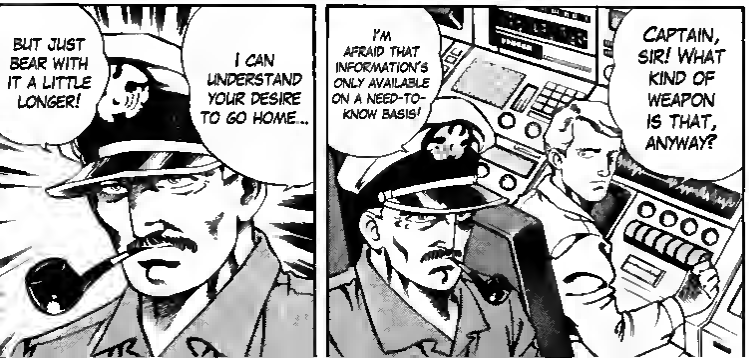
NOTHING YET, SIR!
ANYTHING ON RADAR?

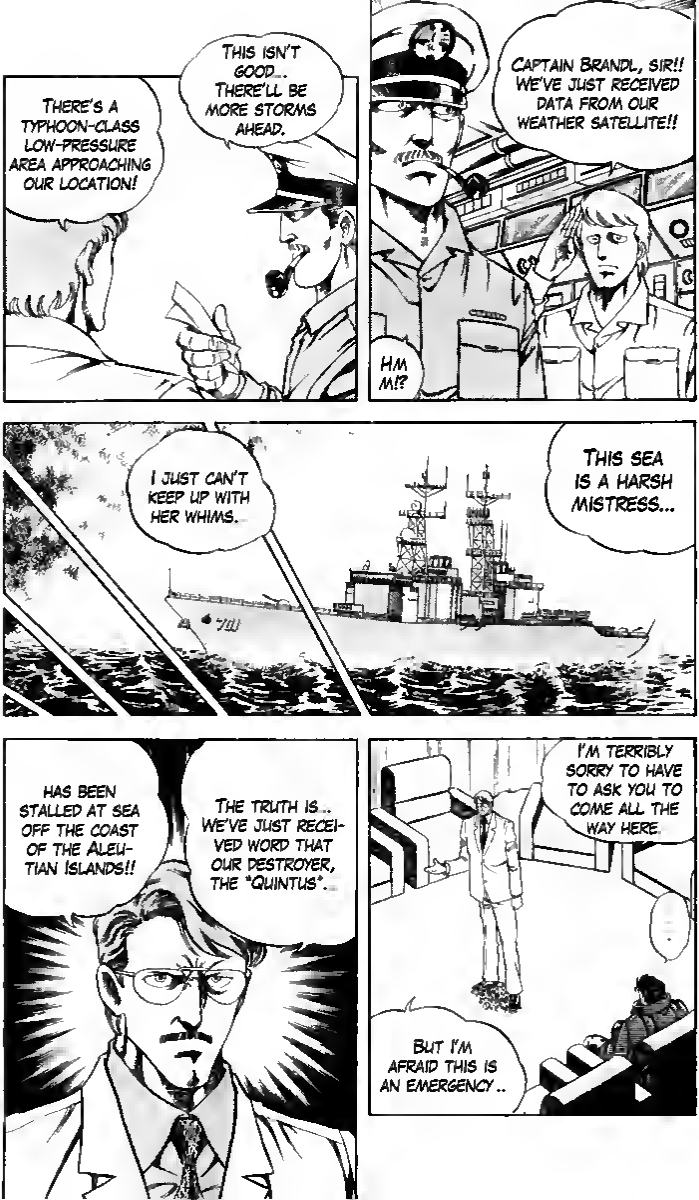


DON'T FORGET THAT WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT MISSION!!
DON'T BE SO FLIPPANT, YOU FOOLS!!
CAPTAIN OF THE "QUINTUS" THADDEUS BRANDL

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE "QUINTUS" TO LOCATE AND CAPTURE ANY SOVIET NUCLEAR SUBMARINES THAT FREQUENT THESE WATERS!!
WE'RE IN THE WATERS OF THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, THE MOST DANGEROUS AREA BETWEEN THE US AND USSR!!

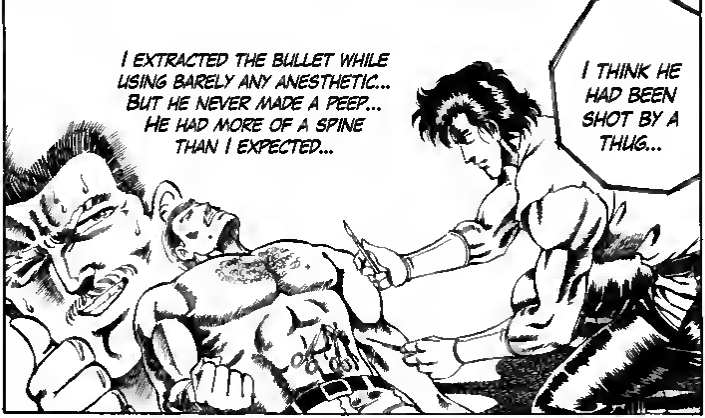

AND WE MUST NOT FORGET OUR TOP-SECRET MISSION...
TO TRANSPORT OUR MOST CUTTING-EDGE WEAPONRY!!


BUT JUST BEAR WITH IT A LITTLE LONGER!
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO GO HOME..
I'M AFRAID THAT INFORMATION'S ONLY AVAILABLE ON A NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS!
CAPTAIN, SIR! WHAT KIND OF WEAPON IS THAT, ANYWAY?


THERE'S A TYPHOON-CLASS LOW-PRESSURE AREA APPROACHING OUR LOCATION!
THIS ISN'T GOOD... THERE'LL BE MORE STORMS AHEAD.
CAPTAIN BRANDL, SIR!! WE'VE JUST RECEIVED DATA FROM OUR WEATHER SATELLITE!!
HM M!?
I JUST CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HER WHIMS.
THIS SEA IS A HARSH MISTRESS...
HAS BEEN STALLED AT SEA OFF THE COAST OF THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS!!
THE TRUTH IS.. WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT OUR DESTROYER, THE "QUINTUS"..
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE.
BUT I'M AFRAID THIS IS AN EMERGENCY..

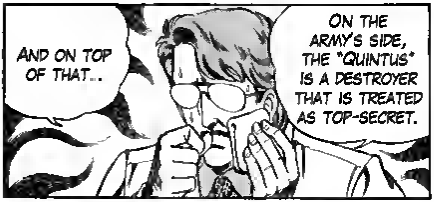
THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MASS FOOD-POISONING ON THE SHIP...
AND IT'S SEVERE ENOUGH TO IMPEDE THE SHIP'S FUNCTIONS.
STALLED AT SEA?
"HAD"...?
AND THEY ARE UNABLE TO TREAT THE OTHERS.
BOTH OF THEM HAVE BEEN BEDRIDDEN BY THE POISONING...
YES, THEY HAD TWO.
DON'T THEY HAVE A DOCTOR ON DECK?
BUT WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ME?
SO YOU WANT ME TO GO TREAT THEM...

AND IT SEEMS THE CAPTAIN OF THE "QUINTUS" HAS UNDERGONE YOUR OPERATION IN THE PAST.
SO HE ASKED FOR YOU BY NAME.
AND THIS IS A TIME-SENSITIVE EMERGENCY... SO WE'VE DECIDED TO SEND SOMEONE FROM JAPAN, WHICH IS RELATIVELY CLOSE TO THE SHIP...
THEY'RE TOO FAR AWAY FROM AMERICA TO SEND AN AMERICAN DOCTOR.
THADDEUS BRANDL.
WHAT'S THE CAPTAIN'S NAME?
I REMEMBER THAT NAME...
BRANDL... THADDEUS BRANDL!!
BACK WHEN I WAS WANDERING THROUGH AMERICA...
ONE WAY
I SEEM TO REMEMBER OPERATING ON A BRANDL...


I EXTRACTED THE BULLET WHILE USING BARELY ANY ANESTHETIC... BUT HE NEVER MADE A PEEP... HE HAD MORE OF A SPINE THAN I EXPECTED...
I THINK HE HAD BEEN SHOT BY A THUG...

YOU HAVE TO GO THERE ALONE!
NO!!

ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF DOCTORS IMMEDIATELY!
I UNDERSTAND!!


AND ON TOP OF THAT..
ON THE ARMY'S SIDE, THE "QUINTUS" IS A DESTROYER THAT IS TREATED AS TOP-SECRET.

ALSO.. I MUST ASK YOU TO REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE!
!?

I SEE...
WE ARE COMMISSIONING DOCTOR K, A DOCTOR WHO NEVER CONDUCTS ANY PUBLIC MEDICAL ACTIVITIES!!

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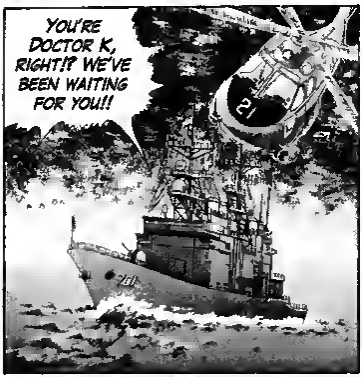
YOU'RE DOCTOR K, RIGHT!? WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!!
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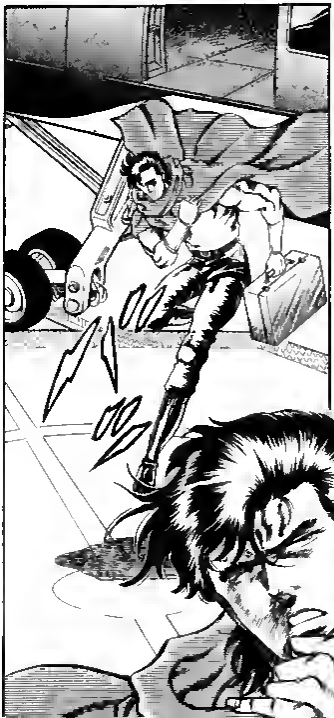
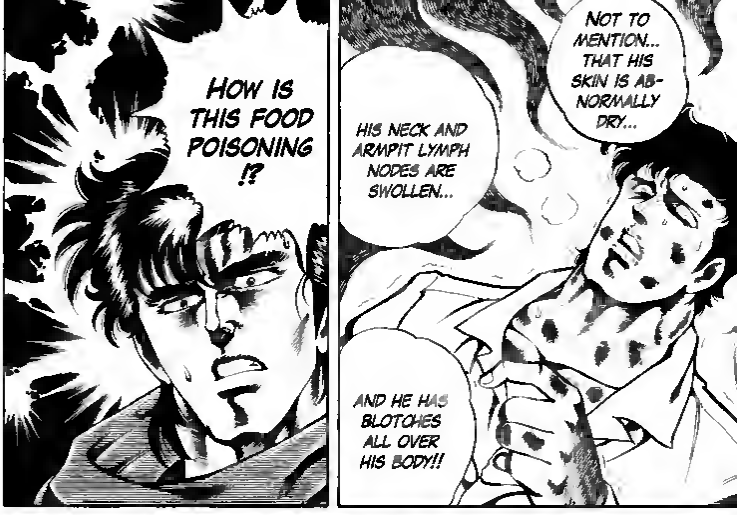


RIGHT THIS WAY!!

!?
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE...!?
W... WHAT ON EARTH!?
HE'S GOT A HIGH FEVER ...
AND HIS PULSE IS IRREGU-LAR!!
HEY!! WAKE UP!!


HOW IS THIS FOOD POISONING !?
HIS NECK AND ARMPIT LYMPH NODES ARE SWOLLEN...
NOT TO MENTION... THAT HIS SKIN IS ABNORMALLY DRY...
AND HE HAS BLOTCHES ALL OVER HIS BODY!!

WHY WOULD THAT DIPLOMAT TELL ME SUCH A LIE...!?
THIS IS SOME KIND OF INCREDIBLY CONTAGIOUS EPIDEMIC...

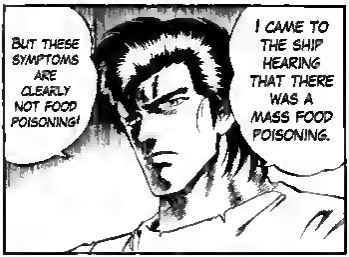
DON'T TELL ME... I HOPE MY INTUITION ISN'T RIGHT ON THIS ONE..
MY FIRST GUESS WAS THAT SOME CHOLERA BACTERIA WAS MIXED IN WITH THE FROZEN FOOD...
BUT THESE AREN'T CHOLERA SYMPTOMS!!

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO WITHOUT IDENTIFYING THIS DISEASE!!

LET'S EXAMINE THE BLOOD OF ONE OF THE INFECTED MEN.
CAL ROOM

!!
BUT IF IT IS RIGHT, THEN THIS WILL BE A DISASTER..
.....
CAPTAIN BRANDL... CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WOULD... COME!!
I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME... NO!!
D... DOCTOR K... IT'S BEEN SO... LONG...
O... OHH HH!!

WHAT DOES MATTER IS, WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
THAT DOESN'T MATTER RIGHT NOW.

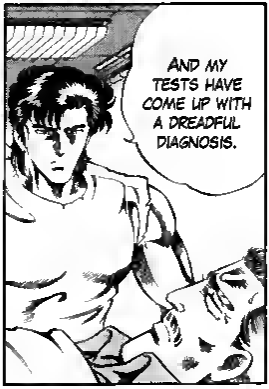

BUT THESE SYMPTOMS ARE CLEARLY NOT FOOD POISONING!
I CAME TO THE SHIP HEARING THAT THERE WAS A MASS FOOD POISONING.

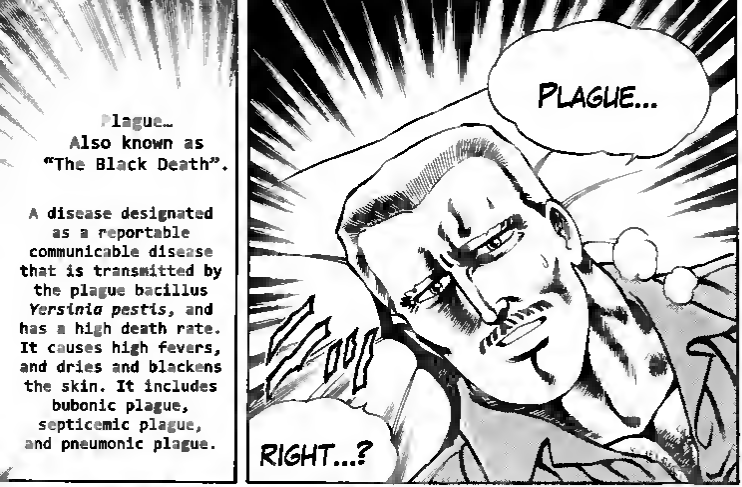
I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN MY GRATITUDE...
FOR YOUR TREATMENT OF MY WOUND...

AND ALL THE PATHOGENIC SHIPMATES HAVE THE EXACT SAME SYMPTOMS! I FIGURED THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF INFECTION..
SWELLING OF THE LYMPH NODES, HIGH FEVER, DRY SKIN, BLOTCHES ALL OVER THE BODY...

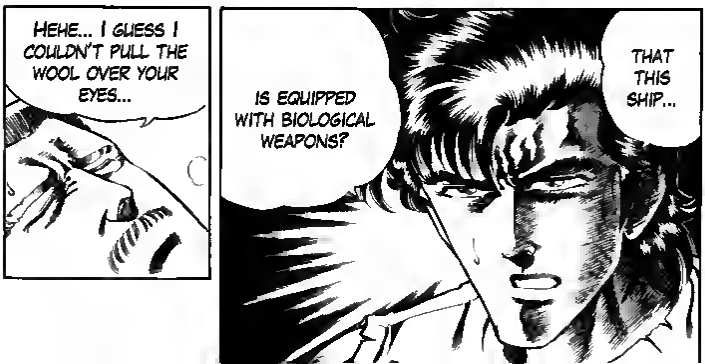
HOW CAN I EVER APOLOGIZE TO YOU..?

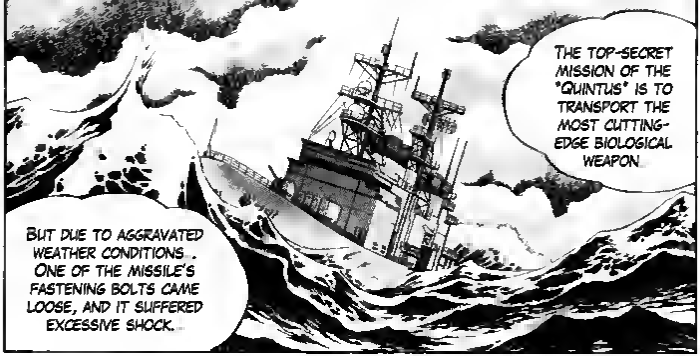
YES...
I TAKE IT YOU KNOW THE DISEASE'S NAME?


AND MY TESTS HAVE COME UP WITH A DREADFUL DIAGNOSIS.

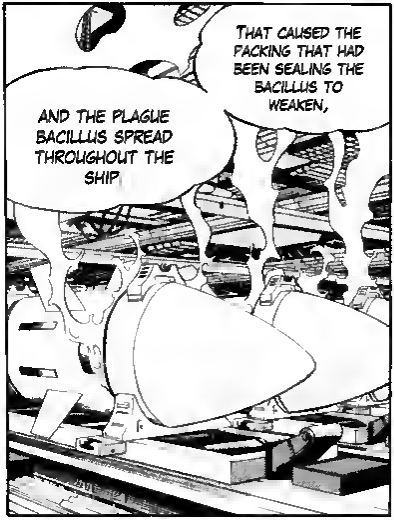

Plague...
Also known as "The Black Death".
A disease designated as a reportable communicable disease that is transmitted by the plague bacillus *Yersinia pestis*, and has a high death rate. It causes high fevers, and dries and blackens the skin. It includes bubonic plague, septicemic plague, and pneumonic plague.
PLAGUE...
RIGHT...?

COULD IT BE...
W_WELL..
THIS MEANS THAT THE SOURCE OF THE BACILLUS HAS TO BE ON THIS SHIP!
AN INFECTION LIKE THE PLAGUE REQUIRES PLAGUE BACILLUS TO HAVE AN OUTBREAK.


HEHE... I GUESS I COULDN'T PULL THE WOOL OVER YOUR EYES...
IS EQUIPPED WITH BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS?
THAT THIS SHIP...


THE TOP-SECRET MISSION OF THE "QUINTUS" IS TO TRANSPORT THE MOST CUTTING-EDGE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON.
BUT DUE TO AGGRAVATED WEATHER CONDITIONS . ONE OF THE MISSILE'S FASTENING BOLTS CAME LOOSE, AND IT SUFFERED EXCESSIVE SHOCK.

I'M THE ONLY ONE ON THIS SHIP WHO KNOWS THAT THIS IS THE PLAGUE.
THESE WEAPONS ARE A TOP MILITARY SECRET...

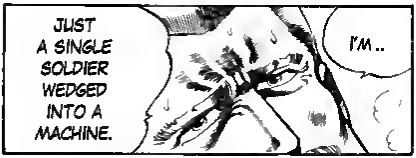

THAT CAUSED THE PACKING THAT HAD BEEN SEALING THE BACILLUS TO WEAKEN,
AND THE PLAGUE BACILLUS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE SHIP

HOW HORRI-BLE...

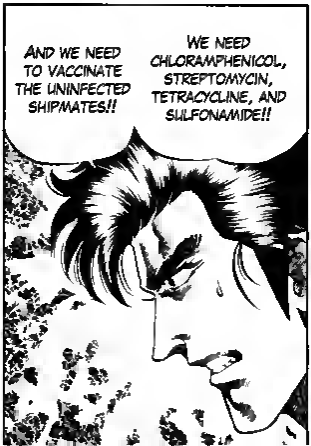
ARE THE MOST COWARDLY... AND INHUMAN OF ALL WEAPONS!!
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS DESIGNED TO SPREAD PATHO-GENS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD EVER HAVE A HAND IN TRANSPORTING THESE WEAPONS!!
BRANDL,

AS A HUMAN OR AS A DOCTOR!!
I CANNOT TOLERATE THESE WEAPONS...


JUST A SINGLE SOLDIER WEDGED INTO A MACHINE.
I'M..

MY SUPERIORS' ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE.
EVEN IF I CANNOT CONSENT...


AND WE NEED TO VACCINATE THE UNINFECTED SHIPMATES!!
WE NEED CHLORAMPHENICOL, STREPTOMYCIN, TETRACYCLINE, AND SULFONAMIDE!!

WE'LL NEED MORE THAN THE MEDICINE WE HAVE ON DECK!
WHATEVER THE CASE, NOW THAT WE'VE DIAGNOSED IT AS PLAGUE

YOU'LL BE LEAKING A MILITARY SECRET ...!!
IF YOU DO THAT...
WAIT!!
I'LL ORDER THOSE DRUGS OVER THE RADIO!
!!
IT'S TIME YOU OPENED YOUR EYES, CAPTAIN BRANDL!
YOUR MEN ARE ALL GOING TO DIE AT THIS RATE!!

ONE OF THE SERIOUSLY INFECTED MEN IS HAVING DIFFICULTY BREATHING!!
DOCTOR!! BAD NEWS!!
HMM!?
YES, SIR!!
ORDER ALL THESE DRUGS LISTED HERE IMMEDIATELY!
HIS CARDIO-VASCULAR FUNCTIONS ARE DECLINING SIGNIFICANTLY!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
THIS ISN'T GOOD!!
GG GH...
IT'S NO USE IT'S NOT HAVING ANY EFFECT!!
I'LL GIVE HIM A CARDIAC MASSAGE!!

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY!!
I'M GOING TO OPEN UP HIS CHEST AND DIRECTLY STIMULATE HIS HEART!
Twitch!!
GIVE ME A SCALPEL AND DISINFECTANT!!
I'M GOING TO PERFORM A THORACOTOMY...
HUH!? WHY ARE YOU DOING THAT?
ALRIGHT, I'M THERE!!
IT'S THE HEART!!
Squeeze
Squeeze
ALRIGHT... THIS SHOULD TIDE HIM OVER FOR NOW...
Squeeze
HERE I GO...

WELL!? DID YOU MAKE RADIO CONTACT?
DOCTOR!
THIS TREATMENT WILL ONLY TEMPORARILY EXTEND HIS LIFE. IT WON'T TREAT THE SOURCE OF THE ILLNESS!
BUT...
THEY CAN'T SEND A HELICOPTER DUE TO BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS...!!
THEY CAN'T DO IT!!
FIVE DAYS...!?
AND THERE'S NOT A SINGLE US BASE OR VESSEL IN THESE WATERS...
THE "QUINTUS" WILL BE COMPLETELY ISOLATED FOR FIVE DAYS!!
FIVE DAYS WILL BE TOO LATE!!
IT'LL TAKE NO MORE THAN THREE DAYS FOR ALL THE CREW-MATES TO BE INFECTED AND DIE!
!!!

WE'VE BEEN COMPLETELY ISOLATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN...
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN..?
GGH...
!!
THERE ARE BLOTCHES ON MY BODY...
W... WHAT'S GOING ON...?
HAVE I BEEN INFECTED, TOO...!?
I'M SUDDENLY FEELING CHILLY...

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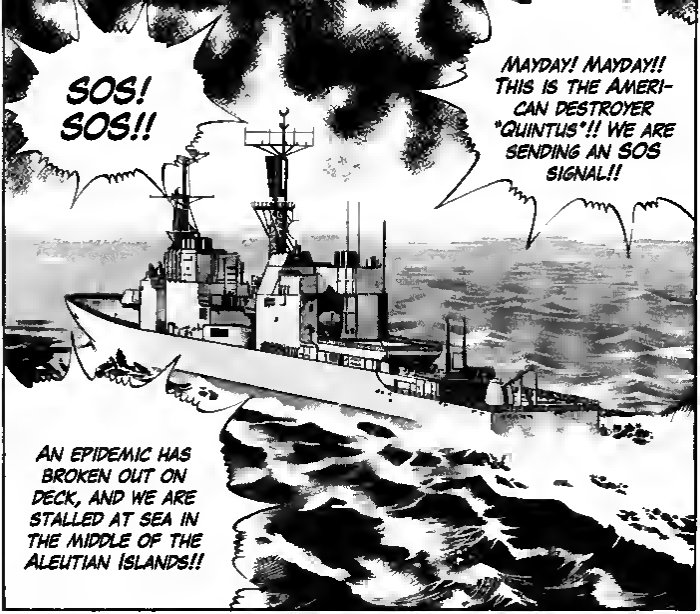
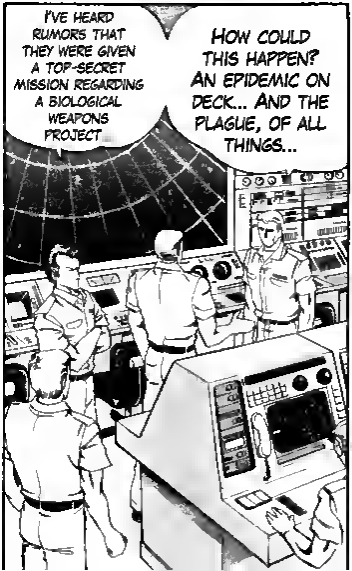
SUPER DOCTOR K

CHART 40: MEN OF THE SEA


SOS! SOS!!
MAYDAY! MAYDAY!! THIS IS THE AMERICAN DESTROYER "QUINTUS"!! WE ARE SENDING AN SOS SIGNAL!!
AN EPIDEMIC HAS BROKEN OUT ON DECK, AND WE ARE STALLED AT SEA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS!!

I DON'T KNOW IF A HELICOPTER CAN WITHSTAND THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.
BUT THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS IN THE WINTER IS KNOWN AS A LOW-PRESSURE GRAVEYARD...

WE'RE TRANSPORTING THE MEDICINE TO THEM!!
WE CANNOT LEAVE OUR COMPATRIOTS TO DIE!!


I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT THEY WERE GIVEN A TOP-SECRET MISSION REGARDING A BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS PROJECT...
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? AN EPIDEMIC ON DECK... AND THE PLAGUE, OF ALL THINGS...

GO!!
OHHH ....!!
THE HELI-COPTER... THE HELICOPTER'S ON ITS WAY!!
CAPTAIN!! DOCTOR!!
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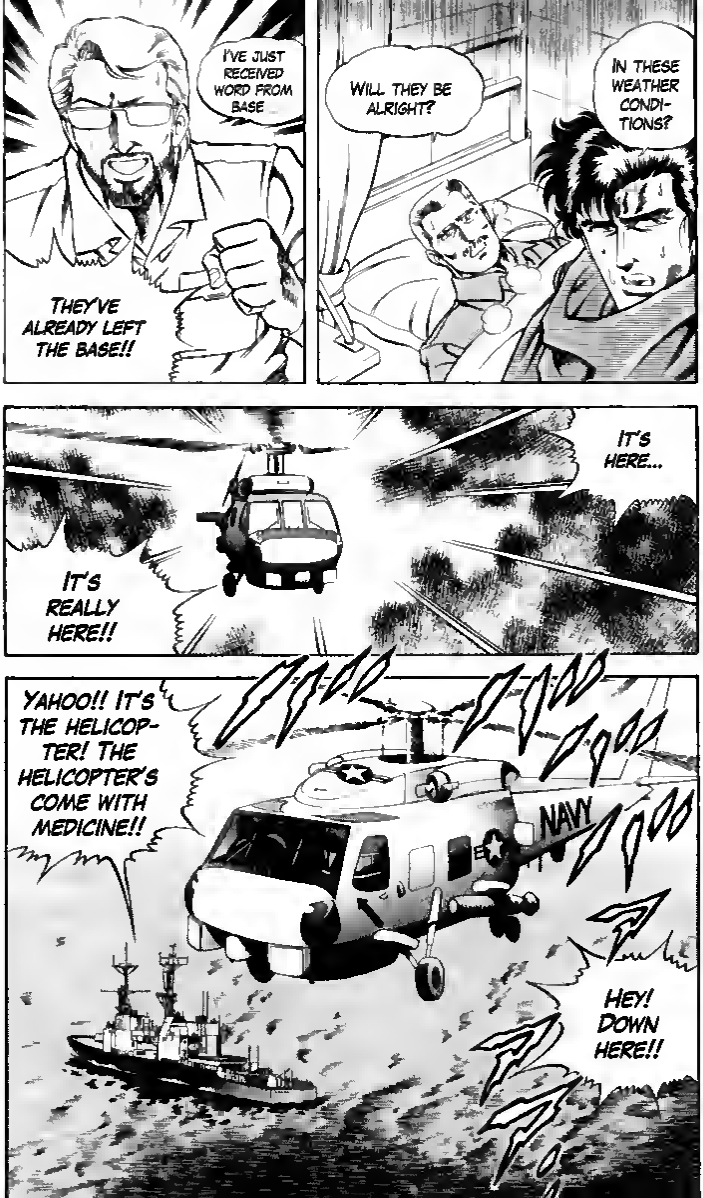
!?


I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM BASE
THEY'VE ALREADY LEFT THE BASE!!
WILL THEY BE ALRIGHT?
IN THESE WEATHER CONDITIONS?
IT'S HERE...
IT'S REALLY HERE!!
YAHOO!! IT'S THE HELICOPTER! THE HELICOPTER'S COME WITH MEDICINE!!
NAVY
HEY! DOWN HERE!!

THE WIND IS STRONG...
DON'T LET UP UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT !!
THE FRONTIER SPIRIT STILL LIVES AFTER ALL!
U-S-A! U-S-A!!
WHOA....
HUP!!
ALMOST TH...
OKAY! KEEP IT UP!!
!!

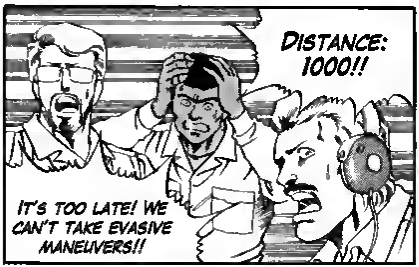
WAA-
AUGH...
....
....

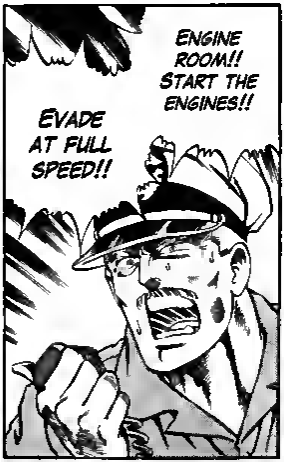
CRACK
WAAAAAAAAAAAUGH... WE NEED TO RIGHT THE HELICOPTER...
W...WE CAN'T...
AHH HH

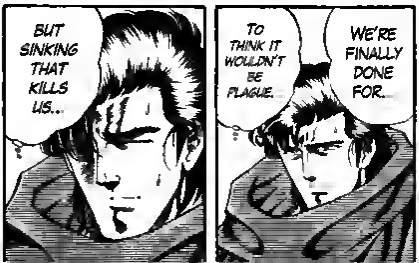
THE MEDICINE'S SINKING...
THE HELICOPTER'S...
BEFORE WE WERE ALL INFECTED...
WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME BOAT HERE. IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME...
I GUESS WE'RE ALL OUT OF OPTIONS...
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GET WRAPPED UP IN THIS, DOCTOR K...
WITHOUT ANY MEDICINE, I'M POWERLESS BEFORE AN EPIDEMIC...
AS MUCH AS I'M A DOCTOR...

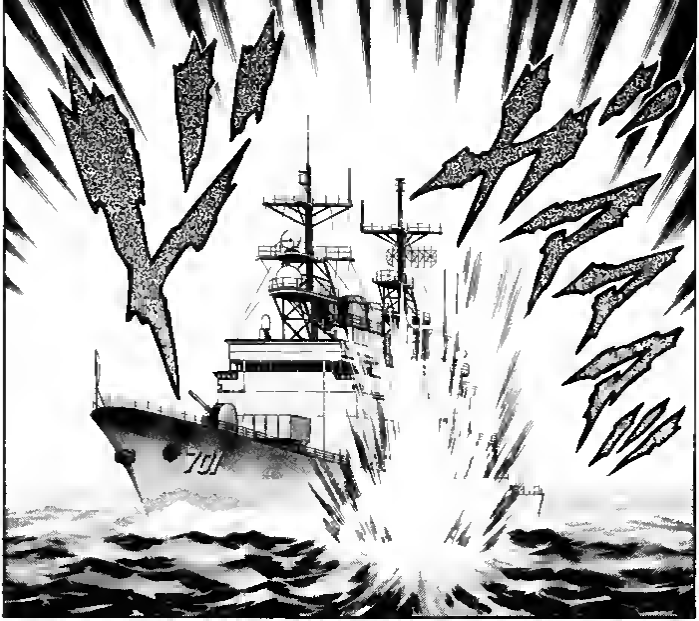
I'VE GOT SOMETHING ON RADAR...
WHAT IS IT?
?
IT'S HEADING RIGHT TOWARDS US... WITH PRECISION!! DON'T TELL ME...
IT'S APPROACHING AT INCREDIBLE SPEED... VELOCITY... 40 KNOTS!!
A SOVIET TORPEDO!!
A TORPEDO ...!?

I DON'T KNOW! WE'RE NOT AT WAR RIGHT NOW...
A TORPEDO!? WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, CAPTAIN BRANDL!?
There's a torpedo approaching our ship!!
Red alert!!
COULD IT BE...
THAT WE'VE DRIFTED INTO SOVIET WATERS....!?


DISTANCE: 1000!!
IT'S TOO LATE! WE CAN'T TAKE EVASIVE MANEUVERS!!


ENGINE ROOM!! START THE ENGINES!!
EVADE AT FULL SPEED!!


BUT SINKING THAT KILLS US..
TO THINK IT WOULDN'T BE PLAGUE..
WE'RE FINALLY DONE FOR..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SOMETHING'S OFF...
W...WHAT?

WAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAA
AAUGH...!!

THE HULL IS INTACT! THERE'S NO LEAKS AT ALL! WE'RE SAVED...
IT DIDN'T EXPLODE... LOOK! IT'S A DUD!
.....
BUT... WHAT COULD THIS MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW ...
COULD IT BE...!?
HUH!?
!!

D-DOCTOR! WHAT ARE YOU...!?

THAT'S SUICIDE!!
WHAT AN IDIOT!! HE JUMPED INTO THE ALEUTIAN SEA IN MID-WINTER...!!

DOCTOR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
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I'LL HAVE A FEW DOZEN SECONDS, AT BEST!!
THE WATER TEMPERATURE IS NEAR-FREEZING, FROM 0° C TO 5° C!!

IT'S DEFINITELY SOVIET.. IF MY INTUITION IS CORRECT...
BUT.. I HAVE A FEELING THAT THIS TORPEDO ISN'T JUST A DUD!!
MAKE IT QUICK, OR IT'LL SINK!!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!? PULL IT UP!! GET THE WIRE!!
OHHH... HE'S ALIVE!! IT'S A MIRACLE!!

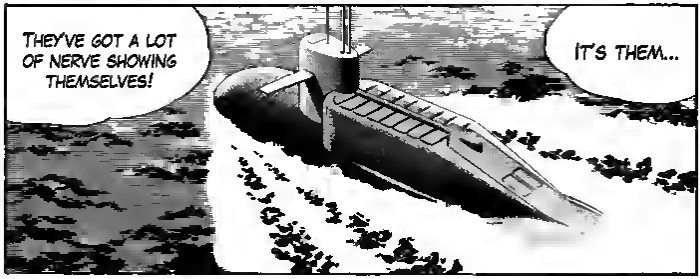
IT'S PRACTICALLY A MIRACLE THAT YOU DIDN'T DIE INSTANTLY!!
HOW COULD YOU BE SO RECKLESS!? YOU'RE ALREADY WEAKENED FROM THE PLAGUE!!
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW.. JUST DISMANTLE THE TORPEDO!!
ALRIGHT! PULL!!
SURE...
THIS MAY BE THE KEY THAT DETERMINES WHETHER WE LIVE OR DIE!!
THIS TORPEDO IS FILLED WITH MEDICINE INSTEAD OF GUNPOWDER!!
IT'S MEDICINE...!!
AHHH!!

WHAT MATTERS IS THAT WE'RE SAVED!!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER NOW!
BUT THIS IS DEFINITELY SOVIET!
WHY WOULD THE SOVIETS TRY TO HELP US?
TRANSPORT THE MEDI-CINE!!
ALRIGHT! LET'S COMMENCE TREAT-MENT!!
THAT THEY'VE NOTICED... CAPTAIN ROVNOVSKI!
IT SEEMS...

According to the top brass,
Doctor K is on that destroyer.
But why do we have to deliver medicine to the Americans!?
That's right! They developed those biological weapons themselves! They reaped what they sowed!
Doctor K!! You mean that world-class physician!?
K...!?
That was the cry of the scientific academia.
"It would be a disservice to the world to let a physician like him die!"
His name resounds throughout the scientific academia of our republic.
And hearing that cry, the General Secretary gave the order himself!!

TO MEET DOCTOR K SOMEDAY.
HE WANTS...
THE GENERAL SECRETARY!?
AN UTTER DISGRACE! I'M GLAD WE'VE BEEN SAVED...
BUT TO THINK WE'D OWE THE FAVOR TO THE SOVIETS!!
WHAT...
HEH... FRANKLY, I FEEL THAT WE'VE BEEN HAD.
AS A SOLDIER ...?
IS IT THAT INTOLERABLE TO BE SAVED BY SOVIET MEDICINE?
NOT TO MENTION THAT THEY HIT A LOCATION WITH THE LEAST PROBABILITY OF DAMAGE...
THEY'RE QUITE IMPRESSIVE!!
THEY HIT US WITH A TORPEDO SO ACCURATELY IN THESE CHOPPY SEAS. .

CAPTAIN!! THE SOVIET NUCLEAR SUB IS SURFACING!! IT LOOKS LIKE A DELTA IV-CLASS!!
1000 METERS FROM STAR-BOARD BOW!!

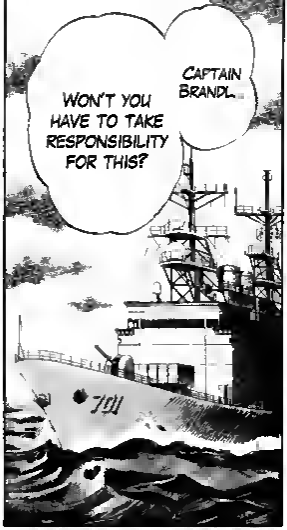

THEY'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE SHOWING THEMSELVES!
IT'S THEM...

I'M CAPTAIN THADDEUS BRANDL!!
THIS IS THE US DESTROYER, THE "QUINTUS"!

YES, SIR!
LET ME HAVE THE RADIO!

THIS CAN'T BE GOOD!
C...CAPTAIN! HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT...?
HEH...
WE DIDN'T NEED YOUR DAMN HELP!! OVER!!
YOU RUSSKIE BEAR!!
HHOO
THAT SON OF A...!!
You're quite a joke, tightening noose around your own neck!! Captain Rovnovski, over!!
Shut up, Yankie suka!!
OF THESE STEEL CLODS...
I CAN ONLY PRAY THAT IT WON'T BE ON THE INSIDE...
IF WE EVER MEET AGAIN...
HEHE HE... I GUESS I OWE YOU NOW.

"YOU'RE A FAILURE AS A SOLDIER!!"
YEAH, I BET I'LL BE COURT-MARTIALED FOR THIS.
THAT'S
WHAT THEY'RE BOUND TO SAY.


CAPTAIN BRANDL..
WON'T YOU HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS?
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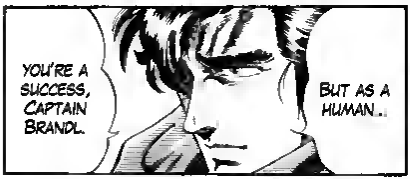
YOU'RE A SUCCESS, CAPTAIN BRANDL.
BUT AS A HUMAN..

WILL STAY ASLEEP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN FOREVER, EH, DOCTOR K!?
I JUST HOPE THAT THESE THINGS...

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CHAPTER 40

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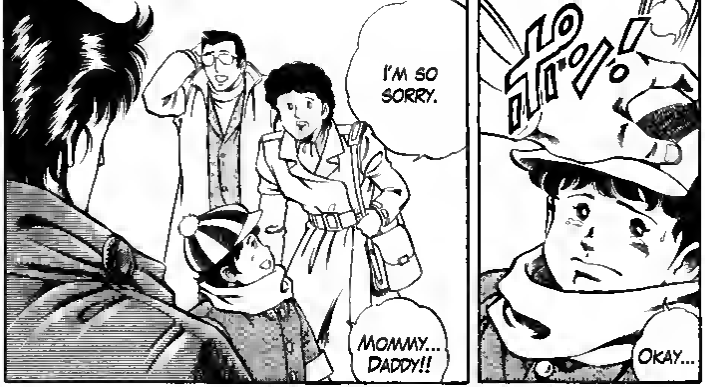
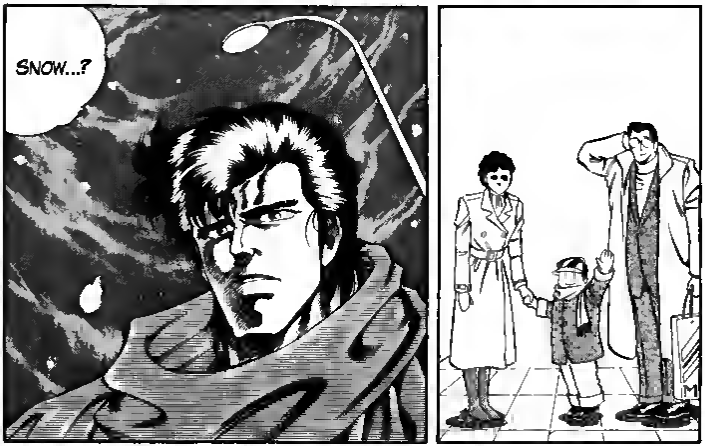
SUPER DOCTOR K
Chart 41: Memories of Mother

AHH...
!!
HOORAY! MOMMY KNIT ME A SCARF!!
WAAAA AAH...
W... W...
THEN DON'T CRY!
IF YOU'RE A MAN...
!?


I'M SO SORRY.
MOMMY... DADDY!!
OKAY...


SNOW...?

I RE-MEM-BER YOU...
EVERY YEAR, AT ABOUT THIS SEASON...
THAT REMINDS ME, IT'S ALMOST FEBRU-ARY..

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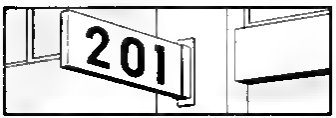
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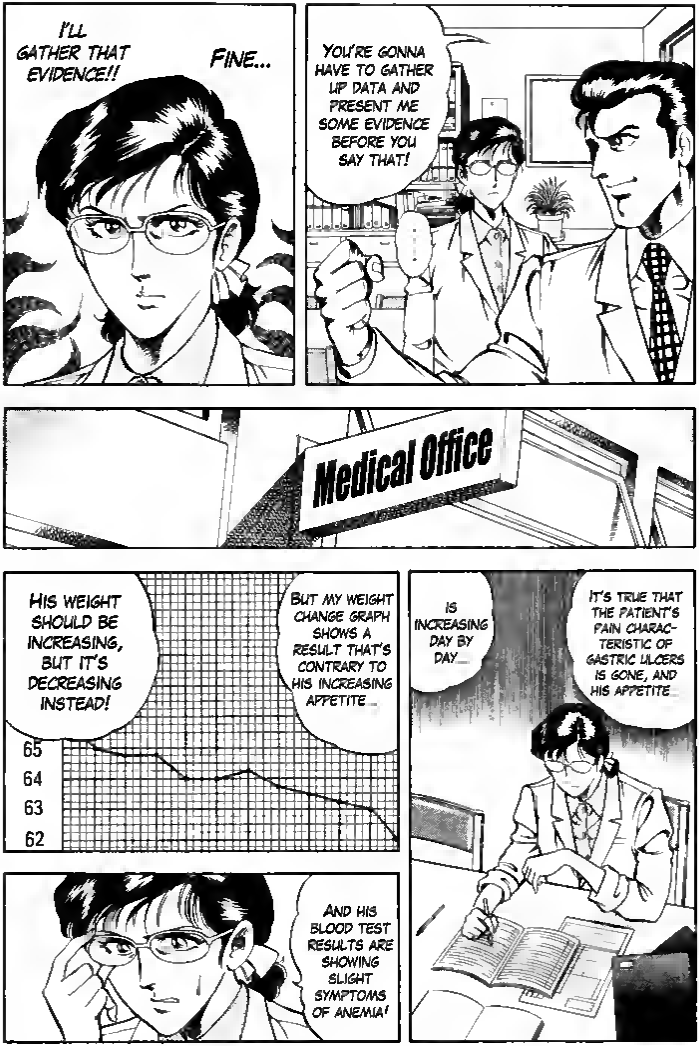
OH, IT'S NOTHING... IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'LL BE DISCHARGED SOON ENOUGH.
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING, DOCTOR.

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT HIS GASTRIC ULCER'S COMPLETELY TREATED!
HIS STOMACH PAIN THAT CAUSED HIM ALL THAT SUFFERING IS GONE, AND HE'S RECOVERED HIS APPETITE!
YEAH, OF COURSE!
DOCTOR... ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO DISCHARGE THAT PATIENT?
BUT...
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK!? MY SKILL'S PRETTY INCREDIBLE, ISN'T IT?
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW WITH A MERE ONE-MONTH CAREER? WHAT A JOKE!
HMPF!! YOU BARELY GRADUATED FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL THIS PAST SPRING!
GIVE ME A REASON!
IT...YOU DON'T AGREE WITH DISCHARGING HIM?
IT'S JUST MY INTUITION...
A REASON...?


I'LL GATHER THAT EVIDENCE!!
FINE...
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO GATHER UP DATA AND PRESENT ME SOME EVIDENCE BEFORE YOU SAY THAT!
Medical Office
HIS WEIGHT SHOULD BE INCREASING, BUT IT'S DECREASING INSTEAD!
BUT MY WEIGHT CHANGE GRAPH SHOWS A RESULT THAT'S CONTRARY TO HIS INCREASING APPETITE...
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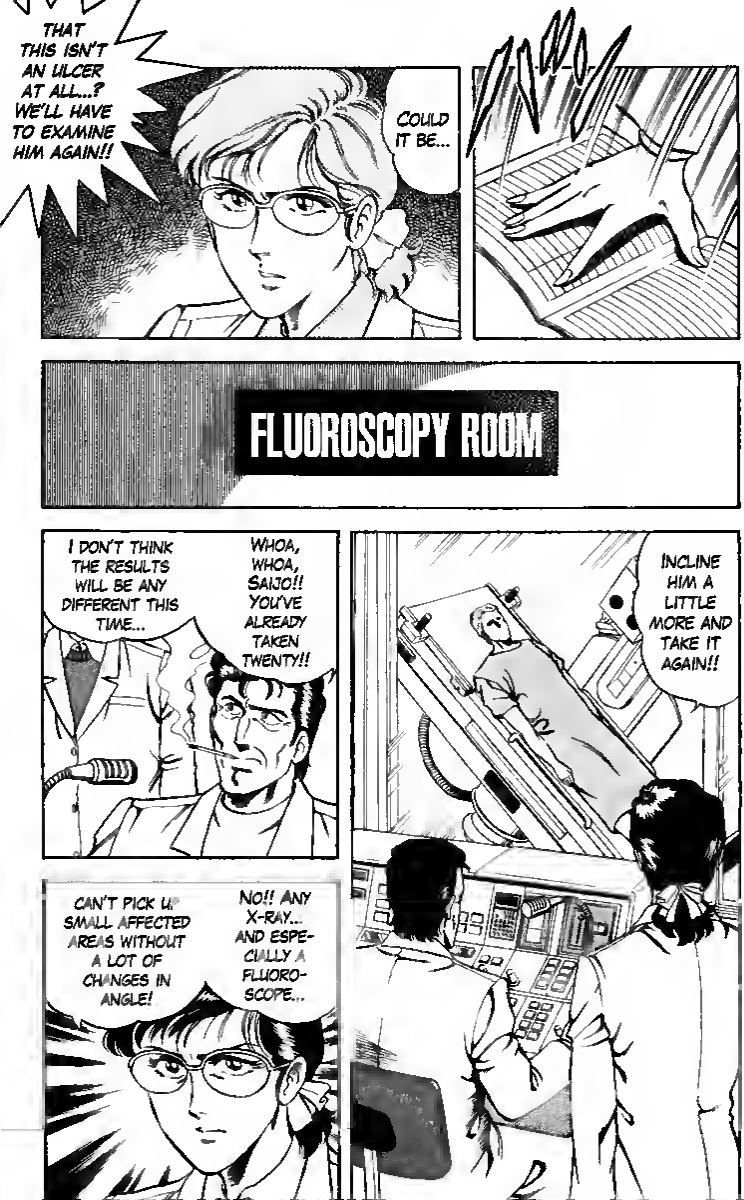
IS INCREASING DAY BY DAY...
IT'S TRUE THAT THE PATIENT'S PAIN CHARACTERISTIC OF GASTRIC ULCERS IS GONE, AND HIS APPETITE...
AND HIS BLOOD TEST RESULTS ARE SHOWING SLIGHT SYMPTOMS OF ANEMIA!


THAT THIS ISN'T AN ULCER AT ALL...? WE'LL HAVE TO EXAMINE HIM AGAIN!!
COULD IT BE...
FLUOROSCOPY ROOM
I DON'T THINK THE RESULTS WILL BE ANY DIFFERENT THIS TIME...
WHOA, WHOA, SAIJO!! YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN TWENTY!!
INCLINE HIM A LITTLE MORE AND TAKE IT AGAIN!!
CAN'T PICK UP SMALL AFFECTED AREAS WITHOUT A LOT OF CHANGES IN ANGLE!
NO!! ANY X-RAY... AND ESPECIALLY A FLUOROSCOPE...

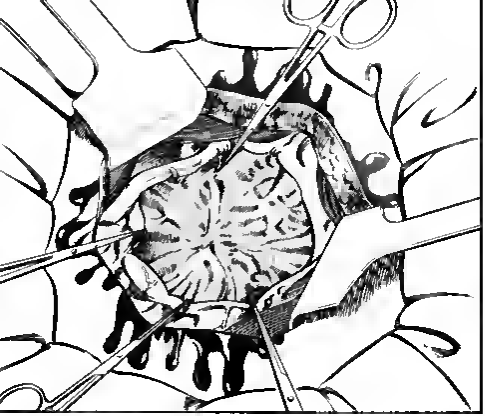
Now twist your body a little... A little stronger!
SURE.
I'm sorry! Could you please stretch out a little!?
L... LIKE THIS?
NOW ARCH YOUR BACK AND LEAN FORWARD!
DID I... JUST SEE SOME-THING SHINING ...!?
!!
DEVELOP ALL OF THESE IM-MEDIATELY!
DID YOU GET A GOOD SHOT OF THAT?
YEAH!
PHEW... GIMME A BREAK!

. . .
THIS IS GONNA COST US!!
WE TOOK THREE TIMES AS MANY AS USUAL..
NO... NO!!
NONE OF THEM ARE SHOWING ANYTHING ABNORMAL!!
IT'S NOT ON THIS ONE, EITHER!!
NOT THIS ONE...
!!
I FOUND IT... THIS IS IT!!
AHH...
WAS JUST MY IMAGI-NATION..
I GUESS THAT SHIN-ING THING I SAW...

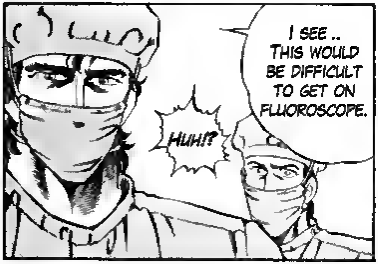
IT WASN'T A GASTRIC ULCER AT ALL...
IT'S CANCER!!
NICE SHOT!!
THIS IS THE AFFECTED AREA I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! IT'S A ONE-IN-A-HUNDRED...
ONE MAN ALONE !!
THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN WHO CAN PERFORM AN OPERATION THIS DIFFICULT...

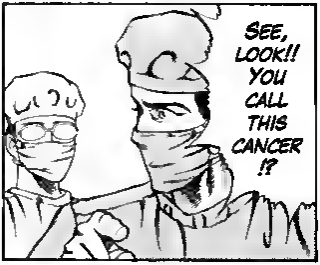
YES ...?
!
Hello! I'm sorry to disturb you this late at night...
But can I ask you to perform an operation!?
It's an emergency! I'll fill you in later!!
THIS LATE AT NIGHT!?
AN OPERA-TION...
WAIT JUST A SECOND!! HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME? WHO ARE YOU...?
KAZUYA's Father Kazuoki, age 27

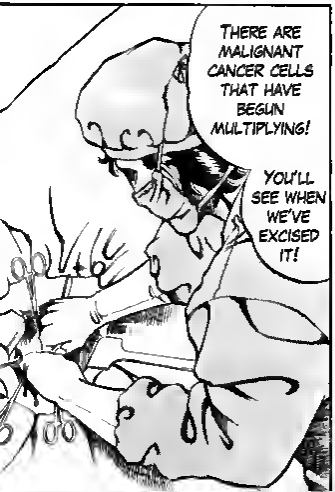
I'll be waiting for you!!
YAMANAKA HOSPITAL. THAT'S JUST DOWN THE ROAD!
I'm Sajo Kyoko, an internal medicine specialist at Yamanaka Hospital
AND HE'S IN A FULL RECOVERY FROM MY TREATMENT!!
YOU'RE CRAZY!! THIS PATIENT HAS CANCER!? OUT OF THE QUESTION! HE'S BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A GASTRIC ULCER !!
GGGH ...!!
KEEP IT DOWN!!
WE'RE OPERATING HERE!
HAVE YOU EVEN OBTAINED HIS CONSENT!?
AND YOU'RE LETTING AN OUTSIDER PERFORM THE OPERATION!
YES, WE'VE ALREADY COMPLETED ALL THE PROCEEDINGS!!



LET'S OPEN HIM UP!
AL-RIGHT ...


I SEE .. THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET ON FLUOROSCOPE.
HUH!?


SEE, LOOK!! YOU CALL THIS CANCER !?


THERE ARE MALIGNANT CANCER CELLS THAT HAVE BEGUN MULTIPLYING!
YOU'LL SEE WHEN WE'VE EXCISED IT!

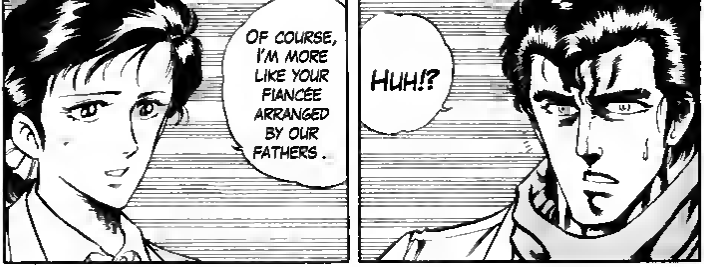
BUT BELOW THIS NORMAL-LOOKING LINING...
SLIP

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK! IT LOOKS LIKE A HEALTHY GASTRIC MUCOSA AT FIRST

IF WE'D DISCHARGED HIM WITHOUT TREATING HIM, THE CANCER WOULD'VE METASTASIZED THROUGHOUT HIS BODY!
WE WERE ALMOST TOO LATE.
PHEW...
WAAAA UGH!!
I'D SAY THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT FIVE DOCTORS IN JAPAN WHO COULD RECOGNIZE THAT AS CANCER.
YOU DON'T MEAN...
DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP OVER IT.
LET'S EXCISE THE LYMPH NODES!!
SCALPEL AND FORCEPS!!
NOW... LET'S SEE IF IT'S METASTASIZED ANYWHERE ELSE...
HEHEHE.

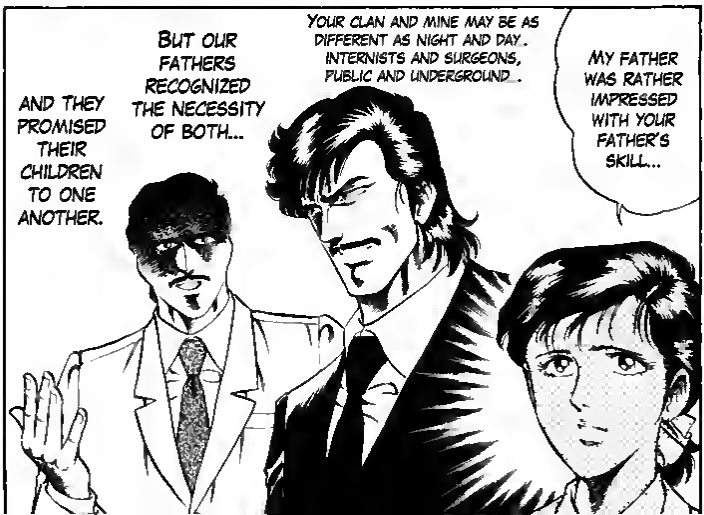
YOUR INSIGHT AS AN INTERNIST AT YOUR AGE RIVALS A SURGEON'S SKILL WITH THE SCALPEL.
I COULD SAY THE SAME TO YOU...
I MUST SAY... YOUR WORK WITH THE SCALPEL WAS INCREDIBLE!
GOOD WORK BACK THERE!
I'M JUST MIMICKING MY FATHER, THAT'S ALL.
OH, NO!
OH... SO YOUR FATHER WAS AN INTERNIST, AS WELL!?
I'VE WATCHED MY FATHER WORK EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL...
!!
JUST LIKE YOUR FAMILY...!!
ALL OF MY ANCESTORS WERE...
YES!

!!
H...HOW DOES SHE KNOW ABOUT MY FAMILY!?
BUT YOU CAN'T DO WORK IN PUBLIC!!
BUT WHAT A TRAGEDY! YOU HAVE SUCH INCREDIBLE SKILL...
AND SHE KNOWS ABOUT MY FAMILY AND MY PAST... BUT HOW!?
COME TO THINK OF IT, SHE KNEW MY LOCATION FOR SOME REASON...
SAIJO KYOKO! I'M GOING TO BE YOUR WIFE!!
ARE YOU!?
WHO, EXACTLY
I AM
I GUESS YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW, THEN...


OF COURSE, I'M MORE LIKE YOUR FIANCÉE ARRANGED BY OUR FATHERS.
HUH!?

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SHOT BY A HOOLIGAN, AND IT WAS YOUR FATHER THAT OPERATED ON THE DYING PRIME MINISTER AND SAVED HIS LIFE.
ONE TIME.. THIS WAS BACK BEFORE THE WAR...

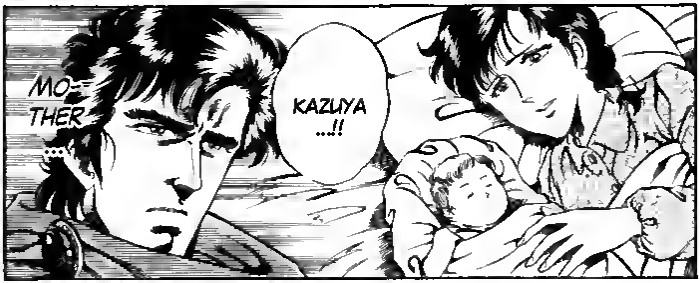
THE SAIJO CLAN CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THE EDO PERIOD, WHEN WE SERVED AS THE SHOGUN'S COURT PHYSICIANS... EVEN IN MODERN DAYS, WE HAVE SERVED AS ATTENDING PHYSICIAN FOR MANY PRIME MINISTERS...


AND THEY PROMISED THEIR CHILDREN TO ONE ANOTHER.
BUT OUR FATHERS RECOGNIZED THE NECESSITY OF BOTH...
YOUR CLAN AND MINE MAY BE AS DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY. INTERNISTS AND SURGEONS, PUBLIC AND UNDERGROUND...
MY FATHER WAS RATHER IMPRESSED WITH YOUR FATHER'S SKILL...

We are sought for our medical skill alone, with our personhood completely ignored! There are times when our lives are put in danger!!
My clan can never live in the light of day!
Forget about that meaningless promise!
We must spend our entire lives as doctors in the shade of society!!
I want to fight disease at your side!!
I made up my mind!
I thought he had to be joking.
I never took my father's promise seriously...
But I changed my mind when I saw your operation today.

YOU'RE.
I'M READY FOR ANY CONSE-QUENCES!
I'VE FINALLY MET THE MAN I'VE BEEN WAIT-ING FOR ALL THIS TIME!! ...THAT'S HOW I FELT!!
TO GIVE MY LIFE TO YOU, KAZUOKI!!
I WANT...
KAZU-OKI...
TWO YEARS LATER ...
HE'S A HEALTHY BOY!!
IT'S AL-RIGHT!

KAZUYA! THAT'S A GOOD NAME... I'LL BET HE'LL GROW UP TO BE A BOY WITH A STRONG WILL. HE'S YOUR SON AND MINE, AFTER ALL!!
LOOK AT HIM. THIS IS OUR SON... KAZUYA!!


MO-THER ...
KAZUYA ...!!

BUT TO THINK YOUR DREAM WOULD END...
TO SAVE MY LIFE...!!
YOU COULD STILL BE PURSUING YOUR DREAM OF SAVING THE LIVES OF THOSE THAT SUFFER FROM DISEASE...
IF YOU WERE STILL ALIVE...

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CHAPTER 41

CHART 42: CAN'T TRANSFUSE!?

THIS MAY HURT A LITTLE, BUT BEAR WITH IT

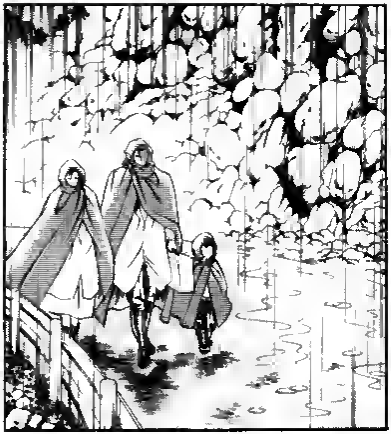
URR RGH!

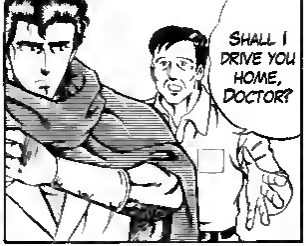
YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT WITH SOME MEDICATION
DON'T WORRY... IT'S JUST A LITTLE FOOD POISONING.

BUT MY WIFE JUST WOULDN'T LET ANYONE BUT DR. KAZUOKI LOOK AT HIM...
ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE'S A BIG HOSPITAL JUST UPHILL...
I'M SORRY.

WITH THIS TERRIBLE STORM AND ALL...
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE FOR A HOUSE CALL,

YOU CAN FEEL FREE TO CALL US ANYTIME YOU LIKE!
IT'S NOTHING...
HERE YOU GO!
I'LL GIVE HIM SOME CANDY AS A REWARD
HE'S A WHOLE LOT DIFFERENT FROM MY BOY WHO'D PUT ANYTHING IN HIS MOUTH.
STILL... YOUR KAZUYA'S SUCH A GOOD LITTLE BOY HE'S BEEN SITTING HERE QUIETLY THE WHOLE TIME..
KAZUYA, SAY THANK YOU
OH, HOW KIND OF YOU!
THANK YOU!
KAZUYA
Age 3




SHALL I DRIVE YOU HOME, DOCTOR?

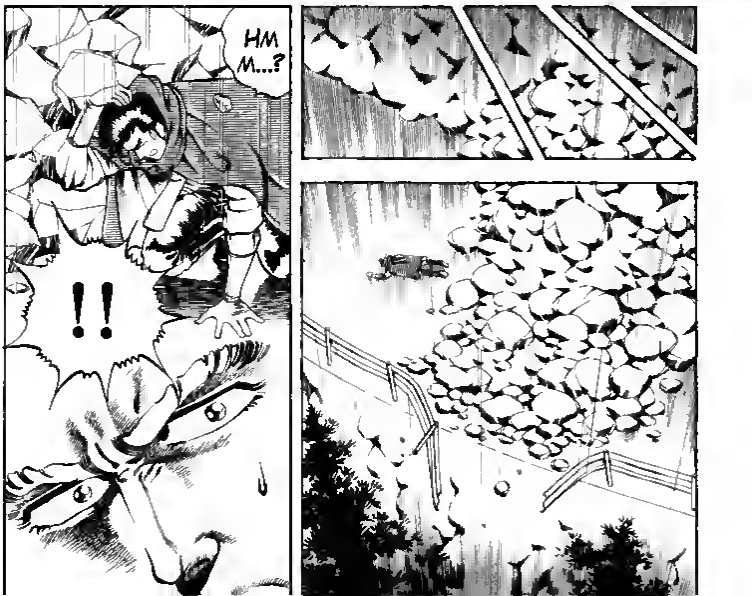
NO, WE'RE ALRIGHT!!
TAKE CARE..

HEY, KAZUOKI! DID YOU NOTICE KAZUYA TODAY?
THIS RAIN IS GETTING A WHOLE LOT WORSE...

I GUESS THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE...
HE WAS MIMICKING ME!
WHEN I WAS USING MY STETHOSCOPE AND SYRINGE...

HE WAS WEAK WHEN HE WAS BORN, AND HAD TO UNDERGO A LOT OF SURGERIES,
BUT I HOPE HE GROWS UP TO BE HEALTHY...
パラパラ...
?
!!
OH, NO...
IT'S A LANDSLIDE!!

KYOKO... LOOK OUT!!
!!
KAZUYA! RUN!!
OW...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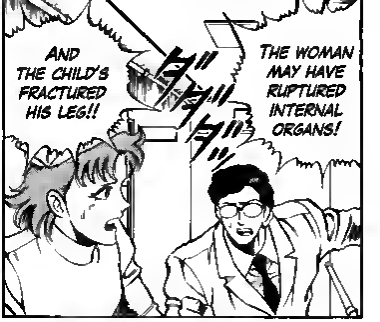
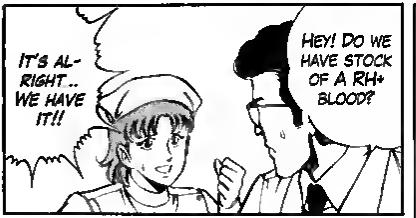
HANG ON!!
KAZUYA ...!!
KYOKO...
KAZU-YA'S...
K... KAZUYA ...
LOOKS LIKE HE'S FRACTURED HIS LEG.
KAZU-YA.
YOU'VE HAD A BLOW TO YOUR ABDOMEN! YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS MAY HAVE RUPTURED!
DON'T TALK!!
THEY SAID THERE WAS A BIG HOSPI-TAL DOWN THE ROAD...
COME TO THINK OF IT...

LET'S GO THERE! HANG ON UNTIL WE GET THERE!!
HUU HUU
IT'S AN EMERGENCY!! THERE'S A WOMAN AND CHILD, BOTH SEVERELY INJURED!!





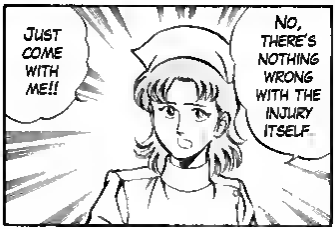
Blood types…

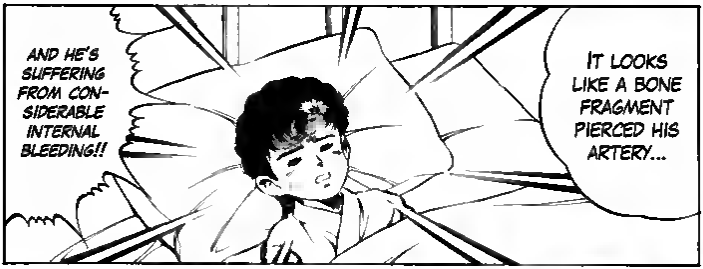
By the ABO system, blood types can be classified as A, B, O, or AB. The other commonly known system is classifying blood types as RH+ or RH-. Incidentally, the most common blood type in Japan is A RH+.

UH, WHO ARE YOU...?
HUH!?
THEN LET'S OPERATE ON MY WIFE IMMEDIATELY! PREP ME A SET OF SCRUBS!!
WE'VE ALREADY SENT HIM TO THE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON.. HE'LL BE ALRIGHT!
GOOD!!
I'LL PERFORM MY WIFE'S OPERATION!!
I'M A DOCTOR, TOO!!
I WILL NOW PERFORM A LAPAROTOMY!
SCALPEL!!
OPERATING
ANESTHETIC READY!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

!!
HEY... DOCTOR!! HIS RIGHT ARM'S...
IT'S BLEEDING!!
DON'T WORRY...
KYOKO... I PROMISE I'LL SAVE YOU..!
I JUST GOT HIT A LITTLE THERE... DON'T WORRY!
HEY, YOU!! YOUR ARM'S BLEEDING!!
I'D HARDLY BELIEVE HE WAS OPERATING WITH AN INJURED RIGHT ARM...
HIS SPEED AND ACCURACY... NEITHER OF THEM ARE NORMAL...!!
W... WHAT A MAN!!
R RIGHT!
HEMO-STATIC FORCEPS!! DON'T JUST STAND THERE!!

YES.. WE CAN SAVE HER!!
THAT'S BETTER THAN IT COULD'VE BEEN!
IT'S ALRIGHT!! THERE'S ONLY ONE INTESTINAL RUPTURE!!
HMM ...
A HEMA-TOPOIETIC WILL BE ENOUGH!!
AND THERE'S NO NEED FOR A TRANS-FUSION, EITHER.
Operating
I WILL NOW START SUTURING!!
THANK GOODNESS... SHE'LL BE 100% ALRIGHT IF SHE JUST GETS HER REST..
YES, PLEASE TRUST US!
I'LL LEAVE THE LAST PROCEDU-RES TO YOU!

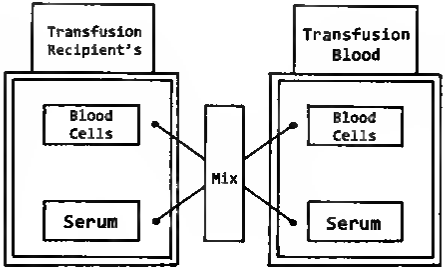




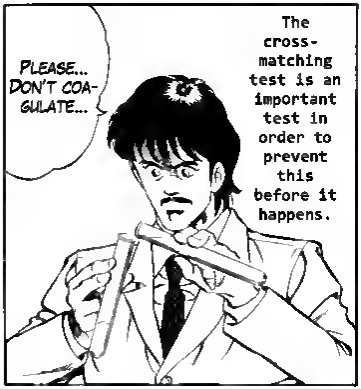
What is a cross-matching test?

It is a test to determine whether the transfused blood will cause rejection. Allow me to explain the procedure.

While it is commonly believed that transfusion is possible so long as the blood types match...



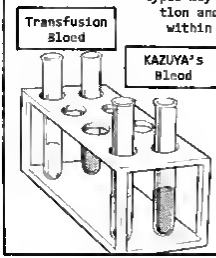
First, each blood sample is divided into blood cells and serum, and they are mixed together.

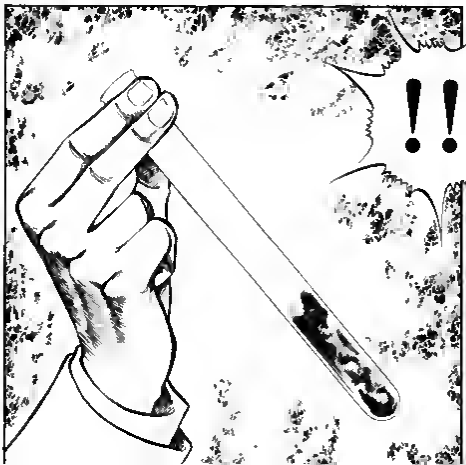


The cross-matching test is an important test in order to prevent this before it happens.

There are actually many "factors" that make up blood besides those accounted for by the ABO and RH+- systems.

If these "factors" differ, these two blood types may cause rejection and coagulate within the body.





CAN THIS EVEN HAPPEN!?
YOU'RE KIDDING!! BUT A RH+ BLOOD IS THE MOST COMMON BLOOD TYPE IN JAPAN!!
MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL "FACTOR" BESIDES THE NORMAL A RH+ TYPE!!
KAZUYA'S BLOOD...
IT'S ONLY A MATTER TIME BEFORE HE GOES INTO HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK!!
THIS IS BAD... HIS BLOOD LOSS IS APPROACHING 500CC...
IT'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN THIS WEATHER.
EVEN IF WE TRIED TO ORDER THE APPROPRIATE BLOOD FROM THE JAPANESE RED CROSS BLOOD CENTER...
GIVE ME A SET OF CAR KEYS!!
ALRIGHT, I'LL GO!
WHICH MEANS... THAT I'LL HAVE TO PASS BY THE ROAD WITH THE LANDSLIDE...
IT'S ABOUT AN HOUR-LONG ROUND TRIP...
HOW FAR IS IT TO THE CENTER?
THERE'S JUST ONE ROAD HERE. JUST GO DOWN THAT ONE.
HOW DO I GET THERE?

WITH AN INJURED ARM!!
AND YOU CAN'T DRIVE...
IT'S TOO DANGE-ROUS!!
THIS RAIN'S LOOSENED THE BEDROCK AND CAUSED LANDSLIDES... THE ROAD'S BLOCKED OFF!!
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO WATCH MY SON DIE!?
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! KEEP HIM ALIVE UNTIL THEN!!
WHATEVER THE CASE... I HAVE TO HURRY!!
BUT I NEVER KNEW MY OWN SON HAD A BLOOD TYPE WITH A SPECIAL "FACTOR"...!!
I WAS CARE-LESS... I WAS RELIEVED THAT HE HAD A RH+ BLOOD...

THIS ROAD IS THE ONLY ONE TO THE CENTER!!
I HAVE TO CLEAR THIS ROAD.
WITH MY OWN HANDS !!
WAIT FOR ME, KAZUYA!!

NNGH ...!!
!?
WAAA AAAAA AAAAA AAAA! UGH...

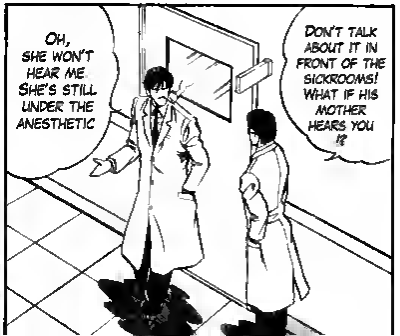
AHH...

OH, RIGHT... I WAS INJURED IN A LANDSLIDE
UIRK!

...? WHERE AM I...?

HEY.. I DON'T THINK WE CAN SAVE THAT KAZUYA BOY!
?

AND DO YOU SUPPOSE THE FATHER WILL MAKE IT TO THE CENTER IN TIME?
BUT I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WITH THAT BLOOD TYPE BEFORE...


OH, SHE WON'T HEAR ME SHE'S STILL UNDER THE ANESTHETIC
DON'T TALK ABOUT IT IN FRONT OF THE SICKROOMS! WHAT IF HIS MOTHER HEARS YOU!?

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...!!
KAZU-YA'S ...!?
I...I CAN'T JUST STAY HERE...!
URK!

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CHAPTER 42

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Chart 43: Mother's Blood

KCH...
...
TO FIND BLOOD FOR TRANSFUSION.
I NEED TO GET TO THE CENTER.
KAZUYA ...!!
WAIT FOR ME...

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WITH THAT BLOOD TYPE BEFORE...
I CAN'T JUST STAY HERE... I HAVE TO BE STRONG AS HIS MOTHER!!
I CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING OF APPREHENSION!!
IT'S NO USE...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
THE INJURY ...
LURK...
THAT'S ODD..
IT LOOKS LIKE THE FATHER HASN'T ARRIVED THERE YET!
WELL...
HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE BLOOD CENTER YET?
YOU THINK HE WAS IN SOME SORT OF ACCIDENT?
HE SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE BY NOW...

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
JUST DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THE BOY!!
PAY ATTENTION TO HIS BLOOD AND PULSE!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! THE HOSPITAL'S CALLED AHEAD!!
Japanese Red Cross Blood Center
I MADE IT!!
HERE'S THE BLOOD SAMPLE!!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER NOW!!
W...WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU'RE INJURED...

SO I'M SURE IT'S ALRIGHT! DON'T WORRY!!
THIS CENTER STOCKS QUITE A BIT OF A RH+ BLOOD...

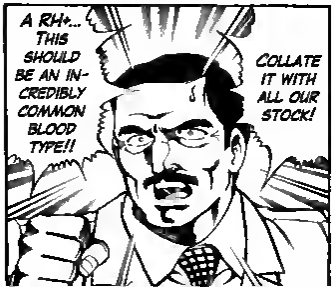
YES!!
PICK ME UP SOME BLOOD THAT MATCHES THIS!

ALRIGHT! LET'S RUN SOME CROSS-MATCHING TESTS, STAT!!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

THIS WON'T WORK...!!
Testing Room

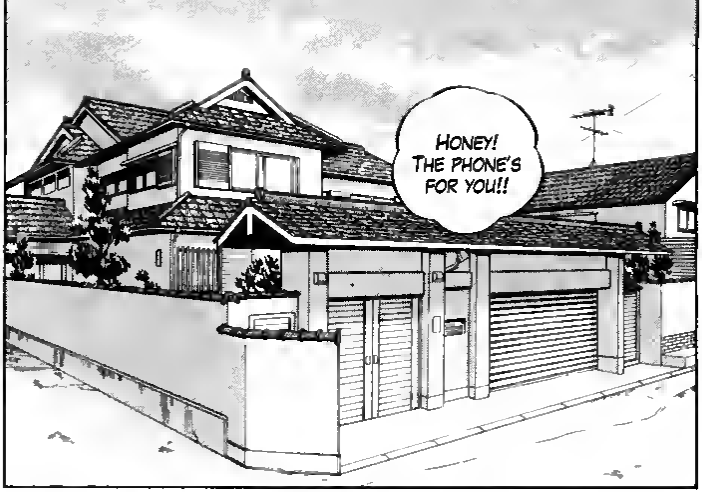
MINE'S CAUSED REJECTION AS WELL.
NOT THIS ONE. IT'S COAGULATED...

NO GOOD!!
WHAT ABOUT THAT ONE!?


A RH+... THIS SHOULD BE AN INCREDIBLY COMMON BLOOD TYPE!!
COLLATE IT WITH ALL OUR STOCK!

ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT KAZUYA'S BLOOD ISN'T NORMAL A RH-!?
WHY!?
THERE MUST BE BLOOD THAT MATCHES THIS CHILD'S BLOOD IN HERE SOMEWHERE...
THERE HAS TO BE!!
IT'S NO USE_ WE CAN'T FIND ANY BLOOD THAT MATCHES THIS SAMPLE!!
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND!!
HIS BLOOD NEVER CAUSED A REACTION ON ANY CROSS-MATCHING TESTS at!!
AND BACK THEN...
KAZUYA'S BEEN OPERATED ON BEFORE DUE TO HIS WEAK CONSTITUTION AFTER BIRTH!!
DOES THIS MEAN... THAT HIS BLOOD TYPE CHANGED BETWEEN HIS BIRTH AND NOW...?

REFERENCE ROOM
IF THAT'S SO...
THEN IT MUST BE A BLOOD TYPE THAT CAN'T BE CLASSIFIED BY THE ABO OR RH SYSTEMS...
IT CAN'T BE!!
!!
IF MY INTUITION IS CORRECT, AND THIS BLOOD TYPE IS KAZUYA'S...
THEN THERE WON'T BE ANY MATCHING BLOOD IN THIS CENTER!!


HONEY! THE PHONE'S FOR YOU!!

K... KAZUOKI ...!?

My name's Kazuoki
I'm Kyoko's husband

LE(A-B-)!?

IS YOUR BLOOD TYPE, BY ANY CHANCE...
LET ME GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT...

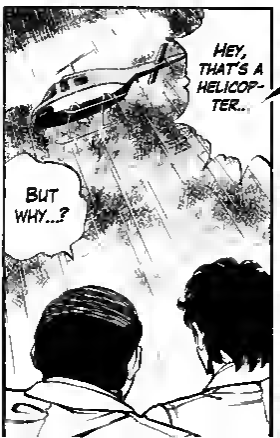
WE NEED YOUR BLOOD!!
IF YOU HAVE THE SAME BLOOD TYPE AS KAZUYA, YOU HAVE TO COME RIGHT AWAY!

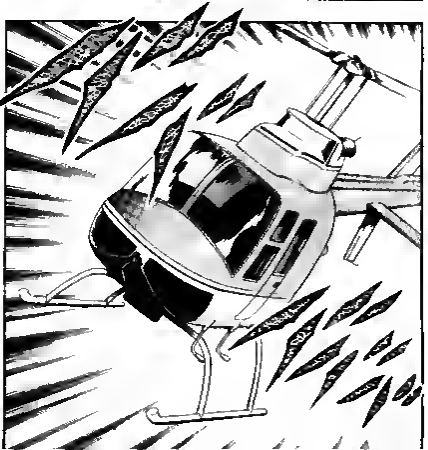
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ...!?

HAS SOME-THING HAP-PENED TO KYOKO ...?
DON'T TELL ME...

I'M AT...
THANK YOU . PLEASE DO SO!!

I'LL HEAD YOUR WAY BY HELI-COPTER IMMEDI-ATELY...
I-I UNDER-STAND...


HEY, THAT'S A HELICOPT-TER...
BUT WHY...?



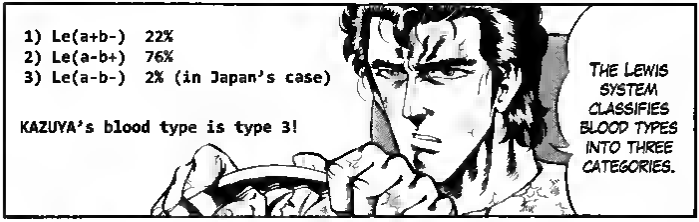
I'M GLAD YOU'VE COME...
RIGHT...
SO YOU'RE KAZUOKI.

I'M KYOKO'S BROTHER...
SAIJO RAISUKE!!
I AM THE TWELFTH HEAD OF THE SAIJO CLAN...

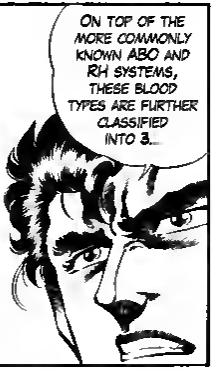
AHH!!
SAIJO
SAIJO.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
SAIJO RAISUKE? DOESN'T THAT NAME SEEM FAMILIAR TO YOU?

SAIJO RAISUKE, ELDEST SON AND HEIR TO THE SAIJO CLAN, THE AUTHORITIES ON INTERNAL MEDICINE IN JAPAN..
WHAT'S THAT GENIUS DOING HERE...!?
.....
THE GENIUS THAT WAS APPOINTED AS PROFESSOR OF INTERNAL MEDICINE AT TEIHO UNIVERSITY, SISTER SCHOOL TO TEITO UNIVERSITY, IN HIS 20S..
SAIJO RAISUKE!!
WE HAVE TO HURRY!!
I'M GLAD YOU'VE CONTACTED THE SAIJO HOUSEHOLD! THAT WAS A WISE DECISION!
LET'S GET TO THE CAR!!
WE CAN'T TAKE THE HELICOPTER ANY FURTHER. THE GALE IS PICKING UP!!
I SEE... SO THEY WERE BOTH INJURED IN A LANDSLIDE...

The Lewis blood type system!! It is a classification system that is entirely different from the commonly-known ABO system of classification!!

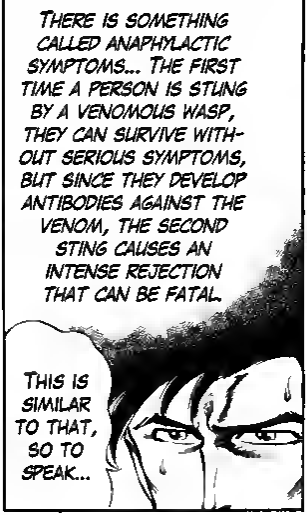

1) Le(a+b-) 22%
2) Le(a-b+) 76%
3) Le(a-b-) 2% (in Japan's case)
KAZUYA's blood type is type 3!
THE LEWIS SYSTEM CLASSIFIES BLOOD TYPES INTO THREE CATEGORIES.

This means that Kazuya's blood type would more precisely be: A RH+ Le(a-b-)!!

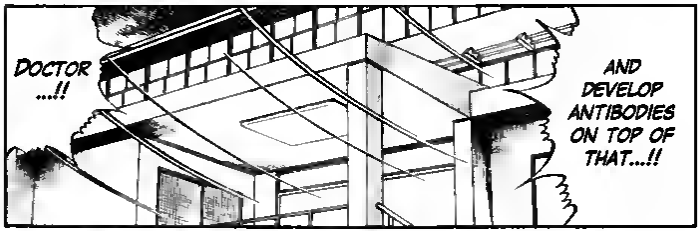


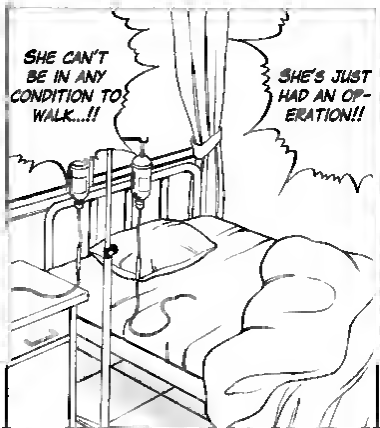
THE LEWIS-SYSTEM LE(A-B-) BLOOD TYPE IS INCREDIBLY UNCOMMON...
BUT USUALLY THEY CAN RECEIVE A TRANSFUSION FROM EITHER OF THE OTHER TWO TYPES...
THAT'S WHY IT'S NORMALLY NOT A PROBLEM, EVEN IF THIS TYPE IS RARE!
NORMALLY, AT LEAST...
BUT THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS!
LIKE THERE IS WITH KAZUYA RIGHT NOW...!!
YES... IN EXTREME RARE CASES...
IF THEY ARE TRANSFUSED WITH A BLOOD TYPE THAT DIFFERS FROM THEIRS...
THEY WILL VERY RARELY DEVELOP ANTIBODIES AGAINST THOSE BLOOD TYPES!!
AND SINCE KAZUYA'S BEEN TRANSFUSED WITH THOSE TYPES IN HIS PREVIOUS OPERATIONS, HE'S DEVELOPED ANTIBODIES AGAINST THEM,
SO HE CAN ONLY RECEIVE A TRANSFUSION OF THE RARE LE(A-B-) BLOOD!!

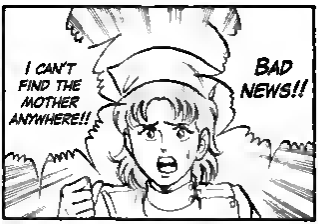
AND THEY RARELY CAUSE SUCH AN INTENSE SIDE EFFECT
BUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS AND ANAPHYLAXIS IS THAT THE ANTIBODIES ONLY DEVELOP IN EXTREMELY RARE CASES,


THERE IS SOMETHING CALLED ANAPHYLACTIC SYMPTOMS... THE FIRST TIME A PERSON IS STUNG BY A VENOMOUS WASP, THEY CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT SERIOUS SYMPTOMS, BUT SINCE THEY DEVELOP ANTIBODIES AGAINST THE VENOM, THE SECOND STING CAUSES AN INTENSE REJECTION THAT CAN BE FATAL.
THIS IS SIMILAR TO THAT, SO TO SPEAK...

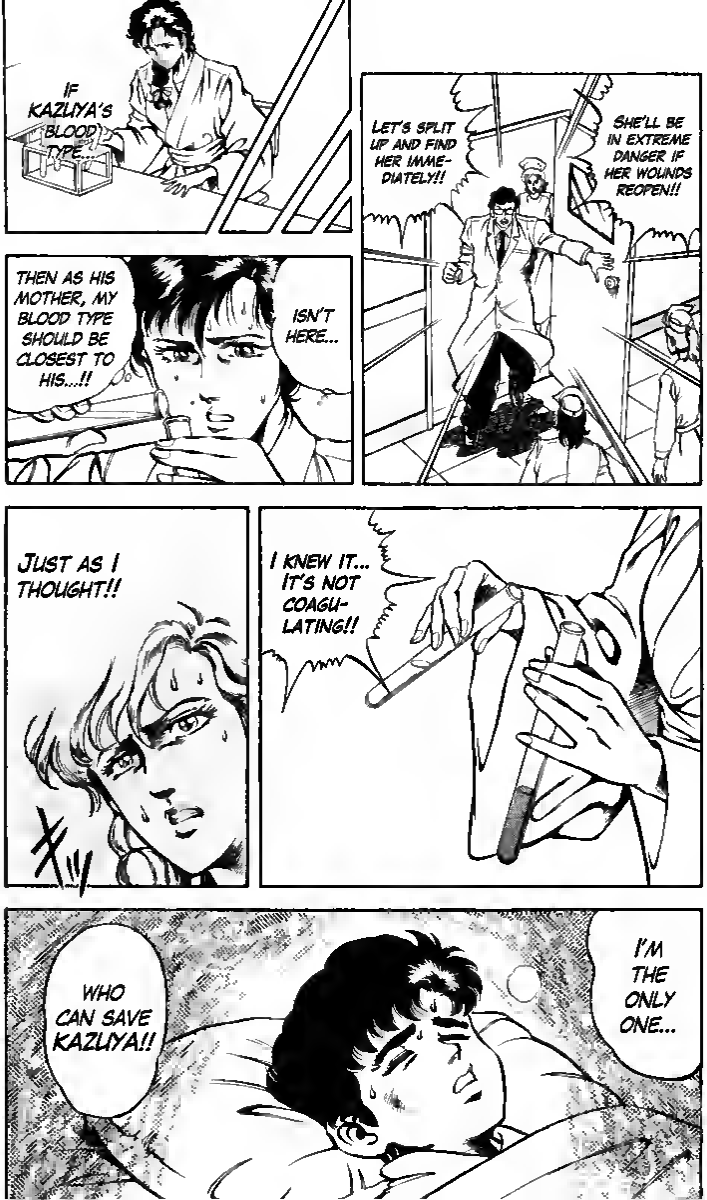
BUT I NEVER KNEW HER SON WOULD HAVE THE SAME TYPE AS US,
I KNEW THAT KYOKO AND I WERE BOTH LE(A-B-)


DOCTOR ...!!
AND DEVELOP ANTIBODIES ON TOP OF THAT...!!


SHE CAN'T BE IN ANY CONDITION TO WALK...!!
SHE'S JUST HAD AN OPERATION!!


I CAN'T FIND THE MOTHER ANYWHERE!!
BAD NEWS!!

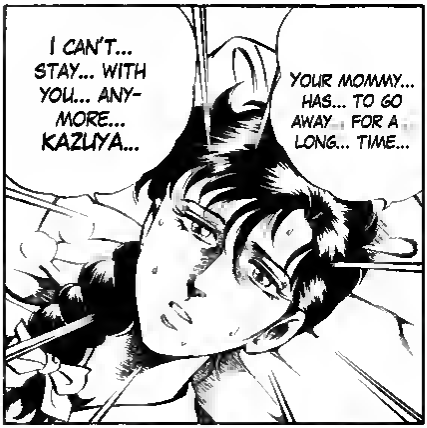
HUH...? YOU'RE KIDDING ME!!

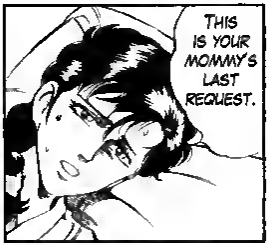

IF KAZUYA'S BLOOD TYPE...
LET'S SPLIT UP AND FIND HER IMMEDIATELY!!
SHE'LL BE IN EXTREME DANGER IF HER WOUNDS REOPEN!!
THEN AS HIS MOTHER, MY BLOOD TYPE SHOULD BE CLOSEST TO HIS...!!
ISN'T HERE...
JUST AS I THOUGHT!!
I KNEW IT... IT'S NOT COAGULATING!!
WHO CAN SAVE KAZUYA!!
I'M THE ONLY ONE...

AND HIS PULSE IS IRREGULAR.
HIS BLOOD PRESSURE IS DECLINING,
バクバク
MOMMY'S GOING TO MAKE EVERYTHING ALRIGHT!
BUT DON'T WORRY.
....

KAZUYA.
!?
IT'S LOCKED?
IT'S LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE.
HELLO!? IS ANYONE IN THERE!?
HEY!! I THINK THE MOTHER'S IN HER SON'S ROOM!!
HEY!! DON'T DO ANYTHING RECKLESS!! YOUR WOUNDS COULD REOPEN! OPEN THIS DOOR RIGHT AWAY!!
HMM...
M... MOMMY ..?
SHHHH...
T...THAT'S RIGHT... THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE AWAKE...

N-NOW LISTEN TO ME, KAZUYA...


I CAN'T... STAY... WITH YOU... ANY-MORE... KAZUYA...
YOUR MOMMY... HAS... TO GO AWAY FOR A LONG... TIME...


THIS IS YOUR MOMMY'S LAST REQUEST.

...

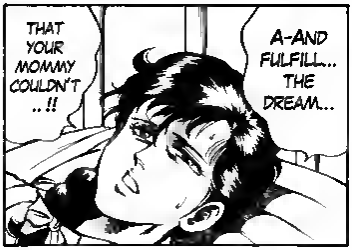
YEAH! I KNOW... THAT'S WHY YOU BECAME A DOCTOR, HUH?

IS TO HELP... PEOPLE... WHO ARE SUFFER-ING... FROM SICKNESS...
Y...YOUR MOMMY'S DREAM...

D...DON'T CRY... BIG BOYS DON'T CRY!!
WHY?

B...BE STRONG!!
K... KAZUYA ...!!

NOW... THE ONLY PERSON I CAN HELP... IS... YOU, KAZUYA...
B- BUT...


THAT YOUR MOMMY COULDN'T ..!!
A-AND FULFILL... THE DREAM...

HURRY!!

BECOME... A PERSON... THAT CAN HELP...
SO... MANY... PEO... PLE...

KAZUYA!!
KYOKO!!
SOMEBODY BRING US A KEY!!
HEY!! OPEN THIS DOOR RIGHT NOW!!
MOMMY...

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CHART 44: THE BLOOD 23 YEARS LATER

AHH...!!
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
DON'T BE SO RECKLESS!!
YOUR WOUNDS ARE GOING TO REOPEN!!
WHAT!?
IN YOUR SON'S ROOM ...
YOUR WIFE'S LOCKED HERSELF...
!!
BREAK IT DOWN!!

KYOKO!!
AHH HH...
PARDON ME.
SHE'S MADE HER BLOOD FLOW FROM HER VEIN TO HER SON'S!!
WHAT HAPPE-NED HERE ...!?

WHAT ABOUT KYOKO!?
HE'S COMPLETELY PASSED THE CRISIS
THE CHILD... IS ALRIGHT.
K... KYOKO...
BUT SHE WENT PAST HER LIMITS BY GIVING BLOOD TO HER SON.
I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS..
SHE'S DIED OF BLOOD LOSS.

AAAAA
AAAAA
AUGH!
.....
I'M SORRY, KYOKO ...
GRAVE OF THE SAIJO CLAN

NOT EVEN WE SPECIALISTS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY COULD SAVE YOU.
FORGIVE US, KYOKO...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR HER...
THIS JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT MEDICINE HAS ITS LIMIT, AND DOCTORS ARE NOT OMNIPOTENT.
KYOKO DIED BECAUSE HER TIME HAD COME!
YOU BASTARD! HOW DARE YOU
HOW DARE KYOKO'S OWN HUSBAND SAY SUCH A THING!?
SO WHAT IF YOU COME FROM A LONG LINE OF SURGEONS!?
YOU COULDN'T SAVE KYOKO...
YOU COULDN'T SAVE YOUR OWN WIFE!!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS!!

KAZUYA ...
HUH?
STOP IT, UNCLE!
YOU'RE...
BLOOD...
MY MOMMY'S DEATH WASN'T ANYBODY'S FAULT! AND...
...
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S SAD... DADDY'S THE SADDEST OF US ALL...
!!

KAZUOKI, ARE YOU...
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO...
BECAUSE THERE'S NOWHERE FOR ME...
TO DIRECT MY ANGER!!
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD HAVE DONE!!
I HAVE TO MAKE MYSELF BELIEVE THAT...
...
MOMMY WAS A VERY GOOD DOCTOR.
THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO BECOME A PERSON THAT CAN SAVE MANY PEOPLE...
JUST LIKE MOMMY WAS...
SHE WAS A TRUE DOCTOR TO THE END.
GRAVE OF THE SAIJO CLAN
THAT'S WHY...
WHAT A CHILD!!
HE'S ONLY THREE YEARS OLD, BUT HE COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDS HIS MOTHER'S DEATH!!

YOU ARE KYOKO'S SON!!
KAZUYA
WHO HAS INHERITED THE BLOOD OF BOTH INTERNAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY
YOU'RE A CHILD OF DESTINY
NEVER COME BACK...
K-KYOKO ...!!
THE DEAD WILL NEVER...
BUT...
And so...

WERE YOU TRULY HAPPY? WERE YOU TRULY SATISFIED WITH A LIFE THAT DIDN'T EVEN LAST THIRTY YEARS!?
KYOKO ...
AND SO, THIS YEAR WILL BE THE 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR DEATH...
?
W... WHO ARE YOU!?
SAIJO... RAISUKE, I PRESUME?
YES! I AM INDEED
YOU'RE KAZUYA!!
YOU CAN'T BE KAZUOKI... NO!! KAZUYA...

HEHEHE... THEN AGAIN, IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT I'VE AGED LIKE I HAVE.
ケッケッケッ
IT'S BEEN 23 YEARS!
西城
AND LOOK HOW YOU'VE GROWN! NO WONDER I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
HOW IS KAZUOKI?
BY THE WAY...
HAVEN'T ACCEPTED KYOKO'S MARRIAGE TO KAZUOKI...
YOU KNOW... I STILL...
HE PASSED AWAY EIGHT YEARS AGO.
MY FATHER IS DEAD.
HMPF! SO HIS LUCK'S FINALLY RUN OUT, TOO!
I AM MY FATHER AND MY MOTHER'S SON!!
I WILL SAY THIS, THOUGH!!
NOT MINE!
THAT'S MY FATHER AND MOTHER'S PROBLEM...

I MUST INHERIT THEIR WILL AS WELL...
THAT IS MY DESTINY...

THIS FACT WILL NOT CHANGE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK!
AND AS LONG AS I HAVE INHERITED MY FATHER AND MOTHER'S BLOOD...

KAZUYA...

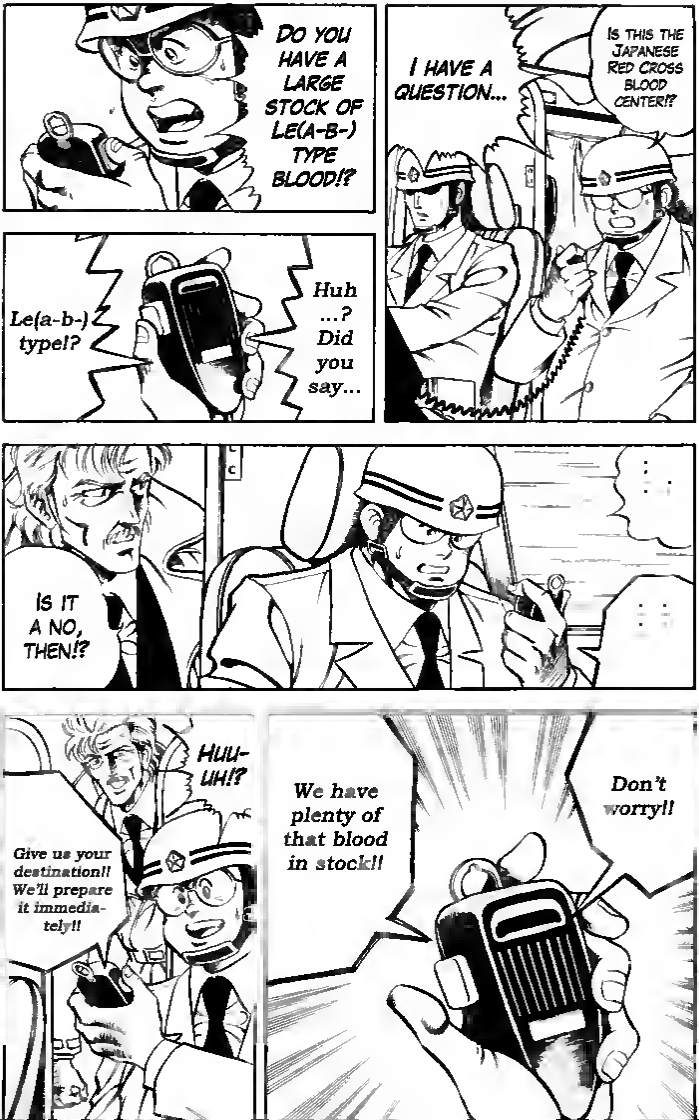
!?

KYOKO...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WAS I WRONG ALL THIS TIME...!?
土持家之

A KID'S BEEN HIT BY A CAR!!
THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT !!
NNG H...
I.. I COULDN'T HELP IT! I'M STILL JETLAG-GED..
T... TAKUMI!!
IS EVERY-THING ALRIGHT !?
SOMEBODY CALL AN AMBULANCE!!
DON'T WORRY, I'M A DOCTOR!
....

HE'S LOSING A LOT OF BLOOD!!
NNGH... THIS ISN'T GOOD!!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S FRACTURED HIS FLANK AND HIS HIP.
MUST HAVE PIERCED ONE OF HIS ABDOMINAL BLOOD VESSELS!
A FRAGMENT THAT FLEW OFF DURING THE COLLISION.
IF THIS KEEPS UP, HE'LL NEED QUITE A SIGNIFICANT TRANSFUSION!!
YOU MEAN...
NO!! I CAN'T. NOT WITH THE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IN THE AMBULANCE!!
CAN YOU STOP THE BLEEDING!?
W-WELL...
WHAT'S YOUR SON'S BLOOD TYPE!?

HE'LL HAVE SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS IF HE RECEIVES ANY BLOOD BESIDES LE(A-B-) TYPE!!
OUR SON HAS A VERY RARE CONDITION THAT OCCURS ONLY ONCE IN A COUPLE THOUSAND...
IT CAN'T BE...
I...
WE HAVE TO INQUIRE WITH THE BLOOD CENTER IMMEDIATELY!!
HOW COULD THIS BE... NOW, OF ALL TIMES...!!
LE(A-B-) TYPE!?
WHAT!?
IF IT COMES TO IT, I'LL HAVE TO GIVE MY BLOOD...
YEAH...
BUT THAT BLOOD TYPE'S RARE ENOUGH AS IT IS! DO YOU THINK WE'LL GET THAT MUCH OF IT?


DO YOU HAVE A LARGE STOCK OF LE(A-B-) TYPE BLOOD!?
I HAVE A QUESTION...
IS THIS THE JAPANESE RED CROSS BLOOD CENTER!?
Le(a-b-) type!?
Huh ...? Did you say...
IS IT A NO, THEN!?
HUU-UH!?
Give us your destination!! We'll prepare it immedia-tely!!
We have plenty of that blood in stock!!
Don't worry!!

HERE IT IS! LE(A-B-) TYPE!!
OHHH! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
HIDAKA HOSPITAL
WE'VE GOT THE BLOOD DELIVERY!!
DON'T YOU WORRY!! HE'LL BE 100% ALRIGHT AS LONG AS WE HAVE A TRANSFUSION!!
ALRIGHT! LET'S OPERATE RIGHT AWAY!!
SO WE'RE BEING HELPED JUST AS MUCH AS YOU ARE!
BUT THERE'S A CERTAIN MAN THAT ALWAYS COMES TO DONATE HIS BLOOD...
OPERATING
!!
IT'S NOT SO EASY TO COME BY SUCH A LARGE QUANTITY OF IT IN THIS SMALL TOWN!
BUT YOU WERE REALLY LUCKY!! THAT'S A REALLY RARE BLOOD TYPE!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

WELL...
THAT MAN... NEVER GAVE US HIS NAME...
I'M SORRY... BUT COULD YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT HIM!?
S... SURE...
H... HEY, YOU!!
I'LL BET HE MUST KNOW THAT HE HAS A RARE BLOOD TYPE! THAT'S NOT SOMETHING JUST ANYBODY WOULD DO!!
BUT HE COMES EVERY MONTH... AND DONATES BLOOD RIGHT UP TO THE LIMIT OF WHAT HE CAN GIVE!
HE'S REALLY WELL-BUILT, AND HE WEARS A CAPE...
HE'S AT LEAST 190 CM TALL...
YEAH! COME TO THINK OF IT, HE ALWAYS COMES ON THE 8TH OF EVERY MONTH
DIDN'T HE STOP BY TODAY?
THE 8TH OF EVERY MONTH!?

AND THE 8TH OF EVERY MONTH... KYOKO DIED ON THE 8TH!!
KAZUYA...
THAT MUST BE KAZUYA!!
SO AS NOT TO REPEAT THE SAME TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED TO US...
PHEW
HE'S COME IN ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS MOTHER'S DEATH...
I-I SEE NOW...
TO GIVE BLOOD FOR PEOPLE WITH THE SAME BLOOD TYPE AS HIM...
?
I GIVE UP... HE REALLY IS YOUR SON...

UHHH... DO YOU KNOW HIM?
IF YOU DO, COULD YOU TELL US...
YOUR SON HAS BECOME... A GREAT DOCTOR!!
KYOKO... KAZUOKI!! REST IN PEACE!!
HE'S MY NEPHEW...
AND THE ONE SURVIVING MEMENTO OF MY SISTER AND HER HUSBAND...
THE BLOOD OF THOSE PASSIONATE DOCTORS WILL FLOW...
WHEREVER YOU MAY CUT HIM...
IT'S SNOWING AGAIN...
HMM?
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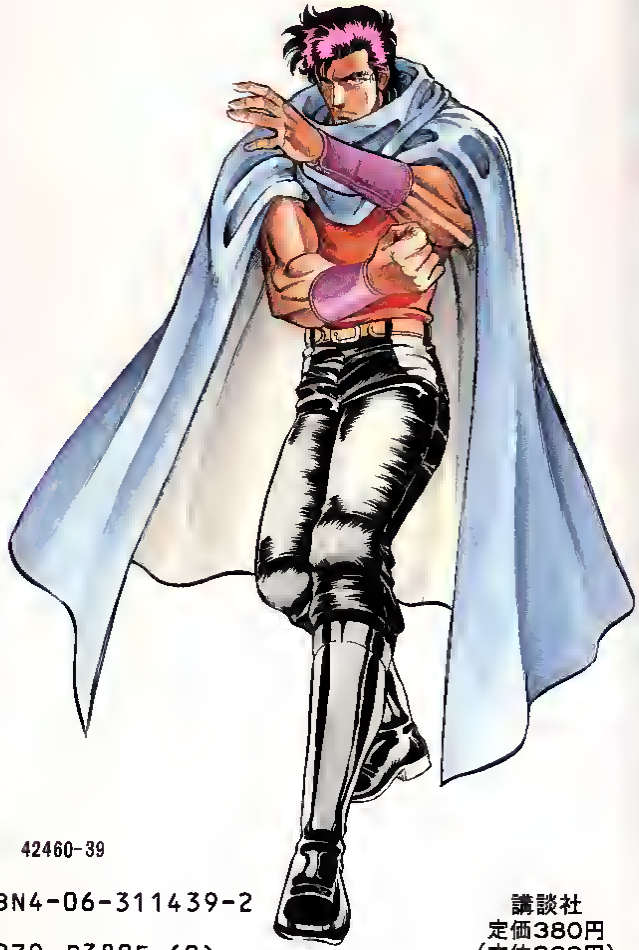

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